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Winner of scholarship reflects on the importance of education in freedom

A graduate of Milwaukee Lutheran High School has earned a scholarship as the winner of the 9th annual **Freedom Scholarship Essay Contest, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs** announced today.

Selected from entries sent to the Alderwoman's office, the winner is **Katrina Hunt**, a graduate from Public Allies Milwaukee, a national AmeriCorps program. Ms. Hunt also plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the Community Engagement and Education (CEED) program. She is also an artist known for her visual arts.

Alderwoman Coggs said the winning essay was entitled, "Value of History: Exploring Black History, Identity & Commitment to Education." Ald. Coggs said, "This young woman understands Black History and brings that knowledge to the community where she is actively engaged, and is truly a reflection of a new generation of inspiring young leaders that our community needs."

In her essay, Ms. Hunt wrote: "Knowing one's self is crucial, and learning our elder's roles can help us see the history that we are creating now. In order to see this, we must be educated and prepared to see it." She went on to write: "Learning the lessons of freedom helps us develop new victories for social movement within our communities, cities, and country."

Ms. Hunt will receive a \$500 scholarship award.

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