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Lancaster ISD Students Study and Celebrate Black Life, History and Culture

Lancaster, TX/Lancaster ISD –

Lancaster ISD students from G.W. Carver 6th grade Learning Center and the Houston Health Science Technology Academy showcased their historical knowledge and raised the academic bar during the 3rd annual Lancaster ISD Black History Bowl and Art Competition as each were named the champions of their respective divisions.



“I am elated that our students worked so hard and studied so long to make sure that they were successful,” GWC Principal Cosheda Hurd said. “And for those who were not able to make it to the finals, I am very proud of them for supporting their fellow classmates and exhibiting grace in defeat.”



The theme of this year’s competition was “A Century of Black Life, History and Culture” and featured 11 junior teams and 10 senior teams. The competition consisted of multiple rounds of questioning focused on African American history and culture. To expand this year’s competition, 75 students also submitted original artwork to the newly added black history art competition.

The 2016 Black History Bowl and Art Competition winners are as follows:

Black History Bowl Junior Division 1st Place

Houston Hall of Famers

Team: Chris Oney, Nevaeh Adams, Jordyn Loyd, Dwight Wheaton, Kerry Smith

Coaches: Brandi Barnett & Paula Daugherty

Black History Bowl Junior Division 2nd Place

Rolling Hills Trailblazers

Team: Danyelle Conner, Gabriel Hairston, Mekhi Murray, Daniah Conner

Coach: Debbie Robinson

Black History Bowl Senior Division 1st Place

GWC Giants

Team: Emmanuel Jaimes, Paul Taylor, Mikayla Franks, September Jones

Coach: Ivory Shears

Black History Bowl Senior Division 2nd Place

The Great Black Historians

Team: Darius Brown, Xavien Johns, Renita Williams, Marquese Moore, Berry Moore

Coach: Edwin Wilson

Art Contest Junior Division Winner

Mary Leos, 4th Grader from Lancaster Engineering Academy

Art Contest Senior Division Winner

September Jones, 6th Grader from George Washington Carver 6th Grade STEM Learning Center

Art Contest Board Choice Award Winner

Zellah Collins, 7th Grader from Elsie Robertson Lancaster Middle School

Students placing first in the history bowl competitions were also honored for their achievement during a reception held in honor of Black History month at the Rocky Crest Museum at the J.D. Hall STEM Learning Center Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

The Black History Bowl winners will also join the 2015 Hispanic Heritage Bowl winners this summer to participate in a history tour sponsored by Lancaster ISD. The trip will include college visits and historical landmark tours.