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Local Students Honored in 14th Annual Writing Contest *Winning Essays Looked at Role of Government*

Chicago – State Representative John Fritchey (D-Chicago) recently turned to some of his younger constituents for their views on government during his 14th Annual John Fritchey Youth Foundation essay contest. Students from around the 11th District took part in the annual scholarship contest which asks eighth-grade students to write an essay on the topic, “What Government Means to Me.”

“I look forward to reading these essays every year, and this year was no exception. It is always fascinating to see how the government is affecting the youth in the community,” stated Rep. Fritchey. “It was great to hear these young adults express their opinions about our democratic society.”

Monetary scholarship awards are given to the students who authored the top three essays. All contest participants were presented with certificates for their participation.

This year, the first-place essay was written by Jessica Giannoni, a graduating eighth-grader from St. Alphonsus Elementary School. Second-place was awarded to Sarah Quander of Alcott Elementary School, and third-place to Drew Williams from Chicago International Charter-Bucktown.

“I am really happy with the students’ efforts in this year’s contest, and I am proud to be able to sponsor a contest that allows these young adults to explore and express their own ideas,” Fritchey said. “By engaging these students in a dialogue about their government, it is my hope that it cultivates their civic participation as they get older.”

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