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Local Student Wins Optimist Club District Essay Contest

CITY, STATE/PROVINCE – STUDENT NAME, a YEAR IN SCHOOL at SCHOOL, recently won the DISTRICT NAME Optimist essay contest base on a theme of “Can Society Function Without Respect?”

STUDENT LAST NAME was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship for the honor. In addition, the essay will be featured in Optimist International’s *The Optimist* magazine.

“STUDENT NAME did a wonderful job of articulating this year’s theme. HE/SHE expressed HIMSELF/HERSELF well through the essay and deserved the honor of first place,” District Essay Chair CHAIR’S NAME said.

The winner of the DISTRICT NAME competition will be sent to the Optimist International Regional level at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri, to compete in the Optimist International Regional /World Championship for a chance to win an additional \$5,000 or up to \$15,000 scholarship.

Optimist International is one of the world's largest service club organizations with 75,000 adult and youth members in 2,600 clubs in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Mexico and throughout the world. Carrying the motto "Bringing Out the Best in Youth, in our Communities, and in Ourselves," Optimists conduct positive service projects that reach more than six million young people each year. To learn more about Optimist International, please call (314) 371-6000 or visit the organization's website at www.optimist.org.

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