



## 2017 Profile in Courage Essay Contest

### First-place Winner:

- Daud Shad, a senior at Mountain Lakes High School in Mountain Lakes, New Jersey  
Essay subject: William McCulloch, former US Representative, Ohio

### Second-place Winner:

- Christina Li, a senior at Glenbrook North High School in Northbrook, Illinois  
Essay subject: Ralph Carr, former Governor, Colorado

### Finalists:

- Michelle Hasenkampf, a senior at Pope John Paul II Catholic School in Slidell, Louisiana  
Essay subject: William Marland, former Governor, West Virginia
- Emma Hubbard, a sophomore at the Institute of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Maryland  
Essay subject: James Morrison, former US Representative, Louisiana
- Rishi Meswani, a sophomore at Montville Township High School in Montville, New Jersey  
Essay subject: Herbert Lehman, former US Senator, New York
- Avery B. Sherffius, a junior at Hopkinton High School in Hopkinton, Massachusetts  
Essay subject: Ann Richards, former Governor, Texas
- Jane Wang, a junior at Hamilton High School in Chandler, Arizona  
Essay subject: Harry Burn, former State Representative, Tennessee

### Honorable Mention:

- Zoe Forest, a senior at El Segundo High School in El Segundo, California  
Essay subject: Rose Bird, former Supreme Court Justice, California
- Matthew Lichtblau, a sophomore at James W. Robinson, Jr. Secondary School in Fairfax, Virginia  
Essay subject: Russell Feingold, former US Senator, Wisconsin
- Sarah Ruan, a junior at Canyon Crest Academy in San Diego, California  
Essay subject: Joseph Tydings, former US Senator, Maryland



## **2017 Profile in Courage Essay Contest Centennial Award Recipients**

- Aryil Bechtel, Eastside High School, Gainesville, Florida
- Andrew Cha, Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Chevy Chase, Maryland
- Samuel Dvorak, Homestead High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Ethan Griffis, Ola High School, McDonough, Georgia
- Alec Guyer, Manchester High School, North Chesterfield, Virginia
- Dhvani Kharel, Brookings High School, Brookings, South Dakota
- Benjamin Miller, Portage Central High School, Portage, Michigan
- Dylan Nguyen, Uplift North Hills Preparatory Charter School, Irving, Texas
- Stephanie Reitzig, Niwot High School, Longmont, Colorado
- Abigail Riggle, John Marshall High School, San Antonio, Texas
- Gabriel Samandi, The International School of the Americas, San Antonio, Texas
- Matthew Sawoski, The Wheeler School, Little Compton, Rhode Island
- Cassandra Thomas, Round Rock High School, Round Rock, Texas
- Stephen Vukovits, Cathedral High School, Fishers, Indiana
- Eileen Yu, R.L. Paschal High School, Fort Worth, Texas