

# 2019 Profile in Courage Essay Contest

## Winners, Finalists, Semifinalists and Honorable Mentions

### First-place Winner:

- Elazar Cramer, a senior at Maimonides School in Brookline, Massachusetts  
Essay subject: Edith Nourse Rogers, former US Representative, Massachusetts

### Second-place Winner:

- Jonas Lorincz, a sophomore at Marriotts Ridge High School in Marriottsville, Maryland  
Essay subject: Penfield Wallace Tate II, former Mayor of Boulder, Colorado

### Finalists:

- Sophie Braun, a senior at Homestead High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Essay subject: Howard Vance, former Superintendent of Schools of Hoxie, Arkansas
- Peter Dunlap, a senior at Klein Oak High School in Spring, Texas  
Essay subject: Ernest Gruening, former US Senator, Alaska
- Garifalia Kapsalis, a junior at Lake Forest High School in Lake Forest, Illinois  
Essay subject: Margaret Chase Smith, former US Senator, Maine
- Michael Murray, a junior from Lake Oswego High School in Lake Oswego, Oregon  
Essay subject: Tom McCall, former Governor, Oregon
- Katie Rebhan, a sophomore at The Potomac School in McLean, Virginia  
Essay subject: Ellis Arnall, former Governor, Georgia

### Semifinalists:

- Tanya Babbar, a sophomore at Pine Richland High School in Gibsonsia, Pennsylvania  
Essay subject: Steve Kagen, former US Representative, Wisconsin
- Victoria Bishop, a senior at Edward S. Marcus High School in Flower Mound, Texas  
Essay subject: Mark White, former Governor, Texas

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### **Semifinalists, continued:**

- William Cheng, a senior at the Waterford School in Sandy, Utah  
Essay subject: Barbara Lee, US Representative, California
- Sol Del Risco, a junior at Las Vegas Academy in Las Vegas, Nevada  
Essay subject: Elaine Noble, former State Representative, Massachusetts
- Austin Huckins, a junior at Grand Ledge High School in Grand Ledge, Michigan  
Essay subject: Brian Mast, US Representative, Florida
- William Schrepferman, a senior at Zionsville Community High School in Zionsville, Indiana; Essay subject: Albert Patterson, former State Senator, Alabama
- Samantha Waterman, a senior at Homestead High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Essay subject: James E. Horton, former Circuit Judge, Alabama
- James Zheng, a senior at Fossil Ridge High School in Fort Collins, Colorado  
Essay subject: Ralph Edward Flanders, former US Senator, Vermont

### **Honorable Mentions:**

- Ashton Fuentes, a junior at Grand Ledge High School in Grand Ledge, Michigan  
Essay subject: Chris Louras, former Mayor of Rutland, Vermont
- Andrew Grismer, a senior at Frankfort High School in Frankfort, Indiana  
Essay subject: Richard Lugar, former US Senator, Indiana
- Sydney Hedberg, a junior at Grand Ledge High School in Grand Ledge, Michigan  
Essay subject: Penfield Wallace Tate II, former Mayor of Boulder, Colorado

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## Honorable Mentions, continued:

- Patrick Kilcullen, a sophomore at Illinois Mathematics & Science Academy in Aurora, Illinois; Essay subject: Spencer Abraham, former US Senator, Michigan
- Miranda Liu, a senior at Adlai E. Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire, Illinois  
Essay subject: Henry Horner, former Governor, Illinois
- Annelise Nauman, a junior at West Lafayette Jr./Sr. High School in West Lafayette, Indiana; Essay subject: David I. Walsh, former Governor and US Senator, Massachusetts
- Jasmine Ng, a senior at Jones College Preparatory High School in Chicago, Illinois  
Essay subject: Ben West, former Mayor of Nashville, Tennessee
- Duke Pham-Chang, a sophomore at Troy High School in Fullerton, California  
Essay subject: Dale Ross, Mayor of Georgetown, Texas
- Vanessa Popescu, a senior at Homestead High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Essay subject: Will Hurd, US Representative, Texas
- Weirui (Nicole) Tong, a junior at Naperville North High School in Naperville, Illinois  
Essay subject: Woodrow Mann, former Mayor of Little Rock, Arkansas