

George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum
2020 Essay Contest Winners
Exploring Favorite Pursuits

Grades 4 - 5

1st Place

Hewitt Behler

"All About Gaming"

Mrs. Sleeth

First Baptist School

Keagan Hardy

"Have you Heard of Softball"

Mrs. Sleeth

First Baptist School

Kathleen Kolasinski

"Never Give Up"

Cassidy Zumwalt

Allen Academy

Anna Belle Pollard

"The Tale of Bailey Munoz and the Exotic Culture of Hip-Hop Dance"

Cassidy Zumwalt

Allen Academy

Elizabeth Stanton

"The Pursuit of Horses: From Passion to Purpose"

Cheri Stanton (Tracy Sangster online teacher)

Homeschool

Anna Whitten

"When Pen Meets Paper"

Kristy Barfknecht

Allen Academy

2nd Place

William Carroll

"John Cooper the Rock Singer"

Cassidy Zumwalt

Allen Academy

Hayley Johansson

"The Mystery of the Paper and Pencil"

Kristy Barfknecht

Allen Academy

Vedant Mahajan

"Ludwig van Beethoven"

Cassidy Zumwalt

Allen Academy

Karli Maresh

"Do you know what Side Saddle is?"

Mrs. Sleeth

First Baptist School

Henry Nettles

"The Fascinating History of Brigadier General Bentley Nettles"

Cassidy Zumwalt

Allen Academy

Milo Turner

"Spinning the Turntables of Rap"

Cassidy Zumwalt

Allen Academy

3rd Place

Gavin Carvajal

"Fun History About Rap Rock"

Cassidy Zumwalt

Allen Academy

Simon Dupper

"The Early Age of the Great Rock"

Kristy Barfknecht

Allen Academy

Lily Gibson

"The Original Musical Genre of Pop Music"

Cassidy Zumwalt

Allen Academy

Victoria Huber

"The Mystery of Art"

Mrs. Sleeth

First Baptist School

Buck James

"The National Pastime"

Kristy Barfknecht

Allen Academy

Brett Mercure

"Jake Paul"

Cassidy Zumwalt

Allen Academy

Honorable Mention

Lilly Ayers

"The Amazing Nurse"

Mrs. Sleeth

First Baptist School

Korina Bishop

"Dance Like Nobody's Watching"

Mrs. Sleeth

First Baptist School

Madison Brown

"Pop Music and Pop Singer Selena Gomez"

Cassidy Zumwalt

Allen Academy

Ethan Buzzard

"Building for Ever and Not Stopping"

Kristy Barfknecht

Allen Academy

Salvador Gomez

"Magnificent Music"

Cassidy Zumwalt

Allen Academy

Ava Smith

"Ballet"

Mrs. Sleeth

First Baptist School

Grades 6 - 8

1st Place

Mileigh Barrera

"From Changing Diapers to Changing Lives"

Ralicia Taylor

Sam Rayburn Intermediate School

Hays Beavers

"Inspiring People of Baseball"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Kailynn Boyd

"Hang on One more Minute"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Dylan Chapman

"Sports for Life"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Aubrie Edmondson

"The Importance of Pursuing Literacy"

Laura Burns

The Woodlands Methodist School

Keyni Farrow

"How Kobe Inspired Me"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Caitlyn Faust

"Softball: A Piece to the Puzzle"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Keavy Hardy

"Cousin Commonalities"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Samprokshana Karthikeyan

"Bill Gates-A Journey of Pursuing Passions"

Ms. Brimhall

College Station Middle School

Colby Maresh

"Grandpa Baseball"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Katherine Morris

"To Drive or Not to Drive That is the Question"

Laura Burns

The Woodlands Methodist School

Holdyn Novosad

"Building a Legacy"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Emmy Thurmond

"Love Through Literacy"

Laura Burns

The Woodlands Methodist School

2nd Place

Jacy Anderson

"Volleyball: Inspiration Samantha Bricio Style"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Kate Hill

"Showing is not what you think"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Zoe Jones

"Music is Life"

Leda Williams
Caldwell Middle School

Alison Krueger
"Lauren Daigle"
Leda Williams
Caldwell Middle School

Autumn McDonald
"Makeup Throughout the Years"
Leda Williams
Caldwell Middle School

Kaden Roskey
"Martin Luther King Jr's Pursuits"
Leda Williams
Caldwell Middle School

Brianna Salem
"The Dynamic Squirrel"
Leda Williams
Caldwell Middle School

Alyssa Schenk
"Jane Austen: An Inspiration to Young Writers"
Leda Williams
Caldwell Middle School

Corbin Suehs
"The Great Pursuit"
Leda Williams
Caldwell Middle School

Jamin White
"Basketball Through the Years"
Leda Williams
Caldwell Middle School

3rd Place

Kane Alvarado
"My Love of Music"
Ralicia Taylor
Sam Rayburn Intermediate School

Brady Bennett
"The New G.O.A.T. Swimmer"
Ms. Burns
The Woodlands Methodist School

Annie Bird
"Basketball is Life, Life is Basketball"
Leda Williams
Caldwell Middle School

Tilly Hicks

"My Passion"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Corabel Horne

"Passions Open Many Doors"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Kinley Kubieck

"For the Thrill of the Game"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Zachary Mitchell

"Basketball: The Winter Pastime"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Julie Perez

"Knowledge: Key to Life"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Madilyn Schneider

"Reading: My Inspiration"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Kelly Urbanovsky

"My Cure"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Honorable Mention

Palmer Constant

"The Collection"

Laura Burns

The Woodlands Methodist School

Callie Fletcher

"From a Player to a Fighter"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Brook Fry

"Thomas Jefferson and Music"

Leda Williams

Caldwell Middle School

Claire Grimes

"How the Wrights changed the World Through Bikes"

Laura Burns
The Woodlands Methodist School

Mary Hancock
"Pursuit of Passion"
Leda Williams
Caldwell Middle School

Paulina Hernandez
"The Universal Language"
Leda Williams
Caldwell Middle School

Kevin Martinez
"President George H.W. Bush"
Leda Williams
Caldwell Middle School

Nam Le
"Hobby of Tennis"
Leda Williams
Caldwell Middle School

Anna Watson
"The Forgotten Career of Hedy Lamar"
Laura Burns
The Woodlands Methodist School

Grades 9 - 12

1st Place

Madai Esquivel
"Home. Base. Run."
Lisa Okoromadu
Bryan Collegiate High School

Jacob Kidd
"Playing Blind: Beep Baseball"
Lisa Okoromadu
Bryan Collegiate High School

Grace Krinhop
"The Gift that Keeps on Giving"
Stephanie Sword
A&M Consolidated High School

Emily Martinez
"The Perfect Duo"
Lisa Okoromadu
Bryan Collegiate High School

Samantha Merino
"More than just a Teacher"
Lisa Okoromadu

Bryan Collegiate High School
Ana M. Rojo-Mayorga
"The Everygreen Craft"
Lisa Okoromadu
Bryan Collegiate High School
Ayanna Rucker
"Activism Behind the Camera"
Chad Cryer
A&M Consolidated High School

2nd Place

Francisco Alvarez
"Reading for Everyone"
Lisa Okoromadu
Bryan Collegiate High School
Kelly He
"Rise Above"
Kelly He
A&M Consolidated High School
Stefany Lopez
"Beyond our Surroundings"
Lisa Okoromadu
Bryan Collegiate High School
Stevie Ray
"Lazy Lazarus"
Lisa Okoromadu
Bryan Collegiate High School

3rd Place

Celine Choi
"Piecing Together Grandmother and Me"
Mike Williams
A&M Consolidated High School
Mallory Garnet
"Capturing a Life"
Lisa Okoromadu
Bryan Collegiate High School
Caroline Stanton
"Disturbing the Sound of Silence"
Cheri Stanton (*Tracy Sangster online teacher*)
The Davidson Academy- Homeschool