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Ending Violence, Reducing Greed, Ending Poverty and Prejudice are Student Goals Expressed in Essay Contest Sponsored by Holt in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

SAN FRANCISCO – March 18, 2005 – Winners were announced this week for textbook publisher Holt, Rinehart and Winston’s second annual “I Also Have a Dream” essay contest.

This year’s essay contest asked California social studies students in grades six to eight to study Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s famous speech and then share their dream for a better society. Students wrote about an aspect of their school, neighborhood, city, or world that they believe needs reform. The contest also included a category for English Language Learners.

The contest and winners were specially acknowledged at the California Council for Social Studies Convention in Burlingame, Calif. on March 5 by Dr. Christine King Farris, a professor at Spelman College in Atlanta and the only surviving sibling of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Farris introduced the winners and talked about their essays, which covered such topics as decreasing pollution, eliminating gangs, reducing greed, ending poverty and prejudice, making movies that are “smoke free,” and addressing concerns about global warming.

Winners and their teachers will also be honored at their respective schools with formal presentations of cash awards. Student winners will receive \$500.00, and their teachers will receive \$1000.00.

“This year’s winning essays are powerful, a real tribute to the inspiration of Dr. King. The review panel enjoyed reading the passionate writing this year’s contest entries offered,” said Scott Page, Pacific Region vice president of sales for Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

The 2005 winners are

- **Gizella Aguilar** of Irving Middle School in Los Angeles. Teacher: Christine Weigel
- **Candace Carter** of Joshua Hills Middle School in Palmdale. Teacher: Melanie Montgomery
- **Tiffany Chen** of Newton Middle School in the Hacienda/La Puente School District in Hacienda Heights. Teacher: Yvonne Mota
- **Ashley Coates** of Rancho San Justo Middle School in Hollister. Teacher: Alexander Michael
- **Pa Huab** of Computech School in Fresno. Teacher: Angie Maxon
- **Jose Rivera** of Southside School in Hollister. Teacher: Shanon Silva

Note to media: Interviews with winning students and teachers may be arranged by contacting Jennifer Harrison at 916-716-0636 or jennifer@jharrisonpr.com. Media may also attend the presentation of awards at each school site.

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