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Bayonne Youth Center Black History Month Writing Contest 2021

Presented by

Bayonne Mayor Jimmy Davis and the Bayonne Youth Center

The competition is open to 6th, 7th & 8th grade students who are residents of Bayonne.

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Often times when we are asked to research influential people who have made a positive impact on society, we search the “ends of the earth.” We seem to forget to look right around in our own community, county or state for these tremendous people. This year, the Bayonne Youth Center would like to honor an African American who has made Hudson County a better place for its residents.

Choose one question for the contest.

1. Which African American from Hudson County has made a major impact on society? Why?
2. When you grow up, which African American from Hudson County would you aspire to be like? Why?
3. Which Black owned businesses in Hudson County is most important to its community? Why?
4. What could be done to highlight a specific Black owned business in Hudson County?

Choose one entry type to answer the question of your choice. All entries must be your original work.

1. Spoken Word

- Typed, font size 12 Times New Roman
- Title page with your name, grade, home address, email address and telephone number
- Poetry/Spoken Word may be free verse, blank verse or rhymed. Poetic imagery is encouraged. The student may choose any style - narrative, sonnet, ode, etc.
- Your recorded work should be between 2 and 4 minutes in length.

2. Advertisement

- Typed, font size 12 Times New Roman
- Title page with your name, grade, home address, email address and telephone number
- Film an advertisement (i.e. a television commercial using YouTube ad or TikTok).
- Your advertisement should be 90-120 seconds

3. Rap or Song

- Typed, font size 12 Times New Roman
- Title page with your name, grade, home address, email address and telephone number
- Develop an original title, lyrics and theme for your song.
- Your song should be between 2-4 minutes in length.



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4. Documentary

- Typed, font size 12 Times New Roman
- Title page with your name, grade, home address, email address and telephone number
- Using a Word document, create a typed script.
- The documentary must be 5 minutes in length.

*Based on the winner and the topic/person, that person or business could be the guest of honor.

*The videos and work could be displayed throughout the program.

All submissions must be received by February 16th, 2021

Prizes

First place: \$125

Second Place: \$75

Third Place: \$50

The winners will be notified and celebrated at the Virtual 2021 Annual Bayonne Youth Center Black History Celebration which will be held on Saturday February 27th, 2021 via Zoom. If you have any questions, please contact me at 201-978-6773.

Sincerely,
Angélique Jackson-Belle
President