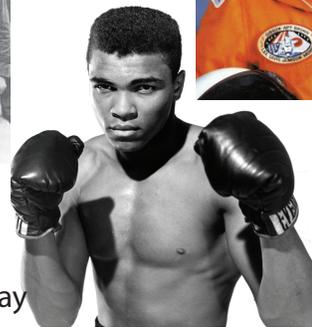


BLACK HISTORY MONTH: BLOOMINGTON 2015 ESSAY CONTEST

WHAT EXCELLENCE LOOKS LIKE

SUBJECTS LIST:

- Clennon Washington King, Jr.
- The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
- Sage Steele
- Mae Jamison
- Benjamin Banneker
- Muhammad Ali
- Anthony Kapel "Van" Jones
- Gwendolyn Brooks
- Motown Records
- Buffalo Soldiers
- Historically Black Colleges
- Thomas I. Atkins



Guidelines:

Select a subject from the list above. Write a 500-600 word essay which includes answers to the following questions:

Grades 4 - 6: **Describe how your subject has made the world a better place. Describe a dream you have to make the world a better place to live.**

Grades 7 -12: **How has your subject shaped America's history, and what lessons from them inspire you?**

Essays will be judged on creativity, cultural knowledge, structure and clarity, as well as spelling and grammar. Please revise and review your entry before submitting.

Include your name, grade, email address, telephone number, and the name of your school.

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

Elementary - 4-6 Grades; Middle -7-8 Grades and High School -9-12 Grades

Prizes: First Place: 16GB iPad; Second Place: \$100; Third Place: \$75

Deadline: Friday, January 30 at 5:00pm

Email submissions to: bhmessaycontest@bloomington.in.gov or

Mail submissions to: Black History Month Essay Contest, Safe & Civil City Program, P.O. Box 100, Bloomington, Indiana 47402