



Michigan Students Awarded More than \$71,000 in Prizes during Kroger's Ninth Annual "I Can Make History" Recognition Dinner

Grocer presents scholarships and prizes as part of Black History Month celebration

NOVI, Michigan (April 25, 2016) – Student winners in Kroger's ninth annual "I Can Make History" competition received more than \$71,000 in scholarships and other prizes during the contest's awards dinner held Saturday, April 16 at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. More than 400 students, family members and teachers gathered to honor 93 "I Can Make History" award recipients recognized in four categories: art, essay, music and poetry.

The highlight of the evening was presentation of the "Best in Show" and "School Leadership" awards, with Anaya Goff, Faxon Academy in Farmington Hills receiving the \$3,000 "Best in Show" scholarship for her winning art entry. The \$5,000 "School Leadership Award" went to Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy, which had 11 winning entries.

The Kroger Co. of Michigan received 1,835 entries this year from Michigan students in the 4th through 12th grades. Professionals in each category evaluated the entries and selected the winners. All entries addressed one of two themes:

- Name an African American past or present that you admire and describe how that person impacted or continues to impact history.
- How do you feel young people today can make an impact on history?

"This year's entries were outstanding, with one judge commenting that she wished she could award every contestant because there were so many great submissions," said Jayne Homco, president, The Kroger Co. of Michigan. "It was evident that this year's young artists, writers and musicians invested a tremendous amount of thought and hard work into their entries and Kroger is pleased to recognize their outstanding contributions. We also thank our dedicated panel of 44 'I Can Make History' judges."

Juanita Moore, president and CEO of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit delivered the evening's keynote address, and Glenda Lewis, co-anchor of 7 Action News on WXYZ-TV served as co-host. The Kroger Co. of Michigan holds its "I Can Make History" contest every February.

2016 "I Can Make History" Winners (alphabetical by school name)

Jack McCall, Advanced Technology Academy
Naima Shelley, Advanced Technology Academy
Nicolina Buccilli, Anchor Bay Middle School South
Maya Hassan, Berkshire Middle School
Jacob Packard, Birmingham Covington School
Jack Seel, Birmingham Covington School
Anna Richards, Canton Charter Academy
Matthew Lewis, Cass Technical High School
Evan Stallworth, Cass Technical High School
Ryan Bensman, Cedar Crest Academy
Kayleigh Bitterman, Chesaning Union High School
Jayla Jefferson, Clawson Middle School
Julia Kwiatkowski, Commerce Elementary
Pia Zammit, Conant Elementary
Trey Young, Crescent Academy
Magdelene Rose, Davison Middle School
Ravae Turner, Davison Middle School
Roman Stokes, Dearborn High School
Anna Sun, Detroit Country Day School
Alan Sun, Detroit Country Day School
Makyla Davis, Detroit Edison Public School Academy
Aiden Elliott, E.F. Rittmueller Middle School
Nathaniel Fuller, E.F. Rittmueller Middle School
Grace Krugielki, E.F. Rittmueller Middle School
Katy Schuler, E.F. Rittmueller Middle School
Jason Shands, E.F. Rittmueller Middle School
Ashley Harhay, Eisenhower High School
Lexie Jorgens, Eisenhower High School
Michael Lewandowski, Eisenhower High School
Jenna Prater, Eisenhower High School
Anaya Goff, Faxon Academy
Kasey Karol, Fraser High School
Elizabeth Harris, Gallimore Elementary School
Saroja Ramchandren, Gallimore Elementary School
Reiden Magdaleno, Grand Blanc West Middle School
Erykah Benson, Grosse Pointe South High School
Lauren Sancya, Grosse Pointe South High School
Ronnie Sorrow, Hanover Horton Middle School
Faith Berry, Harrison High School
Ebony Matthews, Harrison High School
Zachary Loman, Hartland High School
Katherine Stacey, Haslett Middle School
Courtney Paszkiewicz, Heritage Elementary
Faith Huff, Highlanderway Middle School
Veronica Paver, Homeschooled
Alexandra Graver, Imlay City High School
Stacie Vaughn, Imlay City High School

Tialyn Rice, L'Anse Creuse High School
Jessica Jones, Lake Orion High School
Trinity Pryor, Lee M. Thurston High School
Riya Dutta, Leonard Elementary School
Austin McDonald, Lincoln Middle School
Grace Schook, Lindbergh Elementary
Nicholas Knoph, Livonia Stevenson High School
Kyle McBeth, Loyola High School
Asia Jones, Mason Middle School
Avery Machuk, Michigan Connections Academy
Brittany Gessner, Milan Middle School
Meredith Jeffery, Oak Valley Middle School
Yashwanth Bajji, Oakland Children's Academy
Aniela Zaremski, Our Lady of Victory School
Kelly Sheehy, Parker Middle School
Nathan Curtiss, Parkview Elementary
Jaylen Bradley, Renaissance High School
Joy Wingate, Renaissance High School
Ian Cobbs, Riverview Community High School
Tyler Irving, Riverview Community High School
Brendon Kaniecki, Riverview Community High School
Sophia Koester, Riverview Community High School
Janee Nesmith, Romulus High School
Rickey Shackelford, Roseville High School
Isaac Bady, Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy
Xian Boles, Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy
Alaina Curry, Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy
Madeleine Dutra, Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy
Grace Mersy, Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy
Faith Miller, Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy
Mya Richardson, Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy
Shradha Shendge, Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy
Tunisia Smith, Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy
Starlight Webley, Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy
Maia Rose Wiederhold, Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy
Aria Mason, Salem High School
Megan Hartmann, South Arbor Charter Academy
Maya Lyght, Southfield Christian High School
Alexander McWhorter, Southfield High School
Sophia Marquette, Spiritus Sanctus Academy
Milena Chevallier-Stines, St. Joseph Catholic School
Durosham Siddiqui, Star International Academy
Kylie Tyler, Summerfield Schools
Faith Jones-Honey, Taylor International Academy
Daniel Barber, University of Detroit Jesuit High School
Scarlett London, Wines Elementary

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