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Student earns top award in Medal of Honor competition

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Ballard High student Sara Katz received a \$5,000 scholarship as a winner in the Congressional Medal of Honor Outreach Essay and Art Scholarship Program.

It was open to high school students in Kentucky and Indiana. More than 375 students submitted entries representing themes of courage, selflessness, sacrifice, citizenship, and patriotism. A panel of judges from Bellarmine University selected the winners.

All of the finalists in the art competition were JCPS students. In addition to Sara, they were:

- Amy Hoagland, Louisville Male High
- Jacob Jury, Ballard High
- Samantha Kimura, Ballard High
- Kendall Lawton, Jeffersontown High

JCPS also was represented by two essay finalists:

- Courtney Brewer, Fern Creek Traditional High
- Arthur Clemens, Eastern High

Each finalist received a \$2,500 scholarship. All of the students were honored last month at a ceremony at the Frazier History Museum, which is hosting a Visions of Valor exhibit that honors Medal of Honor recipients. The national Congressional Medal of Honor Society convention will be held in Louisville from **Wed., Sept. 28**, through **Sun., Oct. 2**.

The Medal of Honor is our nation's highest award for valor above and beyond the call of duty in combat. Fewer than 3,500 people (including 53 Kentuckians) have received the medal.

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