

2014-2015 Annual Committee Report
American History
Chairman: Connie McGee

Four essays on Ellis Island and two on Christopher Columbus's voyage were received and scored according to NSDAR guidelines. A winner from each contest was selected to represent Lt. George Chapter Chapter at the state level. The chapter winners were recognized in the spring either at their school (public school) or in person with their parents (Home School). Several of the participants were homeschooled students—a goal set by the chapter chairman this year. A special thank you to Fae Logsdon (State Chair & Regent for Wild Horse Trail Chapter) for promoting the essay contests and providing judges for the competition.

2014-2015 NSDAR American History Essay Contests

Prompt: The Year 2015 marks the 125th anniversary of Ellis Island as an immigration station. Students were to image themselves as a child traveling through Ellis Island in 1892 and how they would describe their experience to their cousin who has never heard of Ellis Island.

Title – “A Child’s Journey Through Ellis Island”
Participants and Chapter Winner
(Grades 5 through 8)

6th Grade Chapter Winner - Christina Connelly – St. Dominic Savio School, Rathdrum, Idaho
Lily Seable, Homeschool, Rathdrum, Idaho
7th Grade Chapter Winner – Talia Walsmith, River City Middle School, Post Falls, Idaho
Erika Gallus, Homeschool, Rathdrum, Idaho

Prompt: Imagine you have been chosen to join Christopher Columbus' crew as he sets out for the New World. What are your thoughts and feelings as you prepare for this potentially hazardous mission? What skills do you possess that are essential to your success and survival? Why do you want to go on this voyage and what do you hope to gain from this experience?

Title -“Joining Christopher Columbus on His Voyage to the New World”
(Grades 9 through 12)
Participants & Chapter Winner

Chapter Winner – Ronelle Stanton, Lake City High School, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho
Claire Partridge, Home School, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho

Respectfully Submitted

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