

Roxanne Maher

From: Gary St. Vil
Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2026 6:51 PM
To: Alexander Schlieper
Cc: Roxanne Maher; Carmen Garcia Irizarry; Mike McKinney
Subject: Congratulations – 2nd Place Winner, 2026 Black History Month Essay Contest

Dear Alexander,

Thank you for submitting your essay to the 2026 Ledyard Black History Month Essay Contest.

I am pleased to inform you that your essay has been selected as a **2nd Place winner in the High School Essay Contest**. Congratulations on this accomplishment.

Your essay stood out to the judging panel for the way you explored the story of **Doris “Dorie” Miller** and reflected on the responsibility that comes with courage and service. By connecting Miller’s actions and legacy to the responsibilities individuals carry today, your essay clearly captured the meaning of this year’s theme, *“From History to Responsibility: The Legacy We Carry, The Future We Create.”*

Your submission was reviewed by a panel that included Town Councilor Carmen Garcia-Irizarry, Ledyard Police Department Sgt. Michael McKinney, and myself, and we appreciated the effort and insight you brought to your essay.

You are invited to attend the Ledyard Town Council Meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Annex, where this year’s contest winners will be formally recognized and presented with their awards. Attendance is completely optional, but you are welcome to attend and may bring family members if you wish.

Congratulations again on your accomplishment, and thank you for contributing such a thoughtful submission to this year’s contest.

Respectfully,

Gary A. St. Vil

Chairman, Ledyard Town Council
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339
(860) 980-0656 | gsvil@ledyardct.org
www.ledyardct.org

From: Alexander Schlieper <schliepera@ledyard.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 3:54 PM
To: Gary St. Vil <GSVil@ledyardct.org>
Subject: Black history month contest

