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From: Gary St. Vil
Sent: Sunday, March 8, 2026 6:48 PM
To: Kylie Witherill
Cc: Carmen Garcia Irizarry; Mike McKinney; Roxanne Maher
Subject: Congratulations – 1st Place Winner, 2026 Black History Month Essay Contest

Dear Kylie,

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 the **1st Place winner in the High School Essay Contest**. Congratulations on this accomplishment.

Your essay stood out to the judging panel for its thoughtful reflection on how the lessons of history shape our responsibility to act with awareness, courage, and integrity today. Your message about carrying the legacy of past generations forward and using that understanding to guide the future captured the spirit 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 were all impressed by the depth of reflection and effort you put into your work.

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 achievement, and thank you for contributing such a thoughtful essay to this year's contest.

Respectfully,

Gary A. St. Vil

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Subject: Black History Month Essay Contest Submission | Kylie Witherill, Ledyard High School, Senior (12th, 2026)

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Class of 2026