

## Roxanne Maher

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**From:** Addison LaCosse <lacossea@ledyard.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 2:01 PM  
**To:** Gary St. Vil  
**Cc:** Roxanne Maher; Carmen Garcia Irizarry; Mike McKinney  
**Subject:** Re: Congratulations – 2nd Place Winner, 2026 Black History Month Essay Contest

Thank you so so so much for awarding me with this, I appreciate it! I will be attending the meeting with my family if you don't mind. I'm so excited to come and I want to thank you again for awarding me it means so much to me!

Have a great day,  
Addison LaCosse  
Class of 2028

On Sun, Mar 8, 2026 at 6:50 PM Gary St. Vil <[GSVil@ledyardct.org](mailto:GSVil@ledyardct.org)> wrote:

Dear Addison,

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 highlighted the legacy of **Shirley Chisholm** and connected her courage and leadership to the responsibilities we share today. Your reflection on representation, perseverance, and civic engagement 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 appreciated the thoughtfulness 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**

Chairman, Ledyard Town Council

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**Subject:** Black History Month Essay Submission



Addison LaCosse

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Class of 2028

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