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Wheeling Park Students Named Winners of Drug Free Clubs of America Essay Contest

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA — Two Wheeling Park students were recently recognized as the winners of the annual Drug Free Clubs of America essay contest. Senior Zachary Witsberger won first place and was awarded a \$500 college scholarship and a special award from the Department of Justice. Junior Kerri Smith was the runner-up in the contest, which asked club members to describe the impact of the organization on their lives.

Honorable mention winners included Miklynn Richmond of Magnolia High School; Lucy Hartzell of Wheeling Central High School; and Ryan Seidewitz, Albert Schrimp, James Nemo and Cierra Rueckle of Wheeling Park High School,

Drug Free Clubs of America has chapters throughout Northern West Virginia which help students to remain drug-free. The group rewards good choices and empowers members with effective prevention tools to keep them on the right track.

Angela Ferguson, Executive Director of Drug Free Clubs of America and William Ihlenfeld, II, United States Attorney for the Northern District, presented the awards to the winners.



Pictured left to right

WPHS Assistant Principal Dwaine Rodgers, U.S. Attorney William Ihlenfeld, WPHS Principal Amy Minch, Kerri Smith, Zachary Witsberger, Drug Free Clubs Board Member Tom Burgoyne, & Drug Free Clubs Executive Director Angela Ferguson