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**English Language Learners Tell Their Dreams in Essay Contest Sponsored by Holt, Rinehart and Winston: “I Also Have a Dream”**

**San Francisco– April 21, 2004** – California students received special recognition and a cash award from textbook publisher, Holt, Rinehart and Winston in an essay contest entitled “I Also Have a Dream.” Six winners, including three English Language Learners (ELL), from California middle schools were selected from essays they submitted in an online contest that recognized the value of diversity and the heritage of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In addition to the \$500.00 cash award for each student, their teachers also each received a \$1,000.00 cash award to recognize their role in promoting the student’s achievement. The winning students and teachers are

- ◆ Kelsey Lancaster of Alice C. Stelle Middle School, Las Virgenes Unified School District in Calabasas. Teacher: Holly Noble
- ◆ Jennifer Huang of Hewes Middle School, Tustin Unified School District in Santa Ana. Teacher: Bob Valdez
- ◆ Rosaleen Folan of Good Shepherd School, Archdiocese of San Francisco in Pacifica. Teacher: Julie Cotter
- ◆ Fernando Lopez-Rodriguez of Richland Jr. High, Richland School District in Shafter. Teacher: Susana Rudy
- ◆ Amanda Conroy of River Middle School, Napa Valley Unified School District in Napa. Teacher: Mary Lynn Bryan
- ◆ Mario Vences of Vista de las Cruces School, Vista Del Mar School District in Gaviota. Teacher: Tina McEnroe

To enter the contest, students studied the historically significant “I Have a Dream” speech by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and wrote a persuasive essay describing how they would reform their school, neighborhood, city, or world to create a better society. Winners were selected in each grade level, six through eight and also from among English Language Learners in grades six through eight.

"Sharing dreams is natural for young students, but tying those dreams to Dr. King's historical speech, has added real meaning to our contest," said Scott Page, Pacific Region vice president of sales for Holt. "It is an honor to acknowledge these talented young students for their vision and literary talents."

*Note to writers: The winning students and teacher may be interviewed by contacting Jennifer Harrison at [Jennifer@jharrisonpr.com](mailto:Jennifer@jharrisonpr.com) or 916-716-0636.*

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