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Kirkwood Human Rights Commission 11th Grade Essay Contest 2012

Essay Topic/Question: What is the single most important human rights issue facing your generation in Kirkwood today? How would you resolve it?

Essay Contest Rules:

~ **Who can participate:** High school students who are juniors in the 2011-2012 school year, attending Kirkwood, Vianney or Ursuline High Schools, and any other 11th grade Kirkwood resident.

~ **Essay Submission:** Five (5) paragraphs in length, typed, double spaced, 10-12 point font, reasonable margins. Pages should be numbered, with the author's name at the top of each page. Include participant's name, address, telephone number, age, and high school with the submission.

~ **Essay judges:** Members of the City of Kirkwood's Human Rights Commission.

Judging Criteria:

1. Thematic Maturity: How the essay demonstrates the ability to write in a logical, organized manner that easily and efficiently conveys meaning.
2. Content: How the essay expresses ideas that are substantive and workable.
3. Communication: The essay's content should be understandable with good sentence and paragraph construction, attention paid to spelling and grammar, and formatted according to the instructions given.

~ **Deadline:** Essays should be submitted in hard copy or by email no later than 4:00 p.m., Monday, February 13. Mail or hand-deliver hard copy essays to: City of Kirkwood, Attn: Kathie Valentine, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122. Email essays to Kathie at: stephekj@kirkwoodmo.org. Include participant's name, address, telephone number, age, and high school with the submission. ***No essays will be accepted after the deadline.***

~ **Awards:** First Place (\$100). Second Place (\$75). Third Place (\$50). Honorable Mention.