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Universal Publishing Announces 2018 National Handwriting Contest Winners

Waymart, Pa. – Universal Publishing recently announced the winners of its 11th annual National Handwriting Contest. The handwriting contest rewards students for their exceptional handwriting skills and raises awareness about the importance of handwriting instruction.

This year, students completed a two-part entry form in either manuscript (grades K-2) or cursive (grades 3-8) that required writing a provided sentence and answering an open-ended question. A new teacher division encouraged teacher participants to enter by providing samples of both manuscript and cursive writing. Winners were selected from thousands of submissions by public, private, and home school students and teachers from across the nation.

First-, second-, and third-place winners were selected for each grade in grades K-5 and for grades 6-8 combined, as well as for the teacher division. Honorable mentions were also awarded in both the student and teacher divisions.

When asked about the contest, Universal Publishing president Thomas Wasylyk said, “This is a great way to get students involved and promote excellence in handwriting - a skill used by every student, every day, in every subject. Our winners should be very proud of their achievements!”

Each student who placed in the student division received a special four-inch handwriting contest medal and a certificate of achievement. Additionally, first-place winners were each awarded \$100 and their teachers earned a \$100 Universal Publishing gift card and hand-written letter from author and master penman Thomas Wasylyk. Honorable mentions received a certificate of achievement. Each winner in the teacher division received a personalized award plaque and the first-place winner also received \$100. Teacher division winners and honorable mentions all received a personalized National Handwriting Champion classroom poster.

Participants were judged on their letter formation, size, and spacing; word spacing; line quality; and slant. Judges also considered joinings on cursive entries.

For a complete list of winners, visit upub.net/contest.

About Universal Publishing

Universal Publishing is an educational publishing company that specializes in handwriting instruction. Founded in 2001 by president Thomas Wasylyk, Universal Publishing currently offers four complete handwriting programs, as well as handwriting support materials, writing journals, and resources for teachers. Universal Publishing hosted its first National Handwriting Contest in 2007. For more information, visit upub.net or upub.net/contest.

