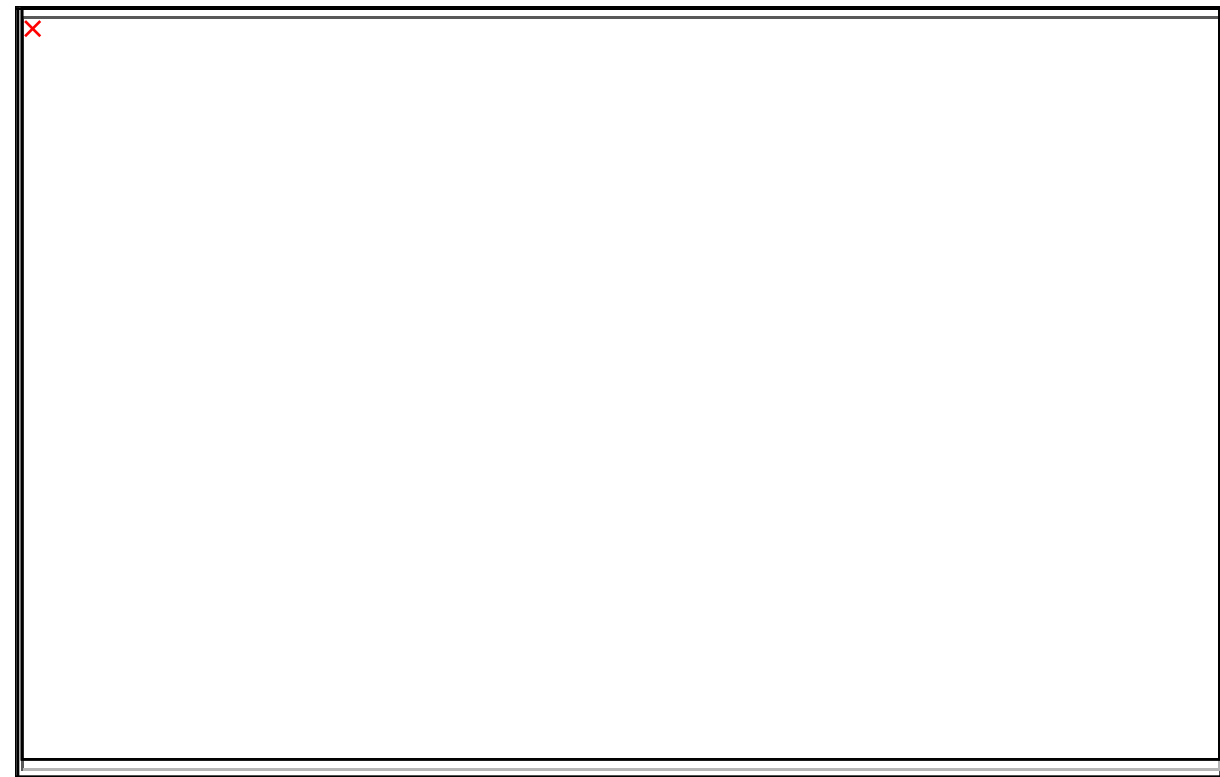


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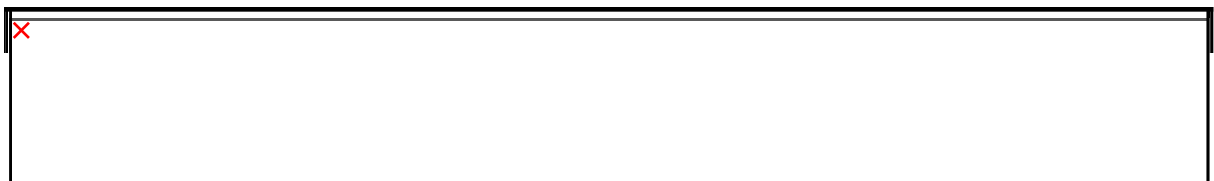
recognized a talented group of young writers today during its annual African American History Month celebration held here in Bliss Hall Auditorium. The middle school-age writers received honors for their

Ms. Sheila Dow-Ford, CEO of Dow/Ford Strategies, led a discussion panel prior to the local students' recognition. Joining her were USAWC students Col. Arvesta Roberson and Col. Kareem Montague, who offered their insights on the numerous contributions made by African-Americans throughout history to the nation and military.

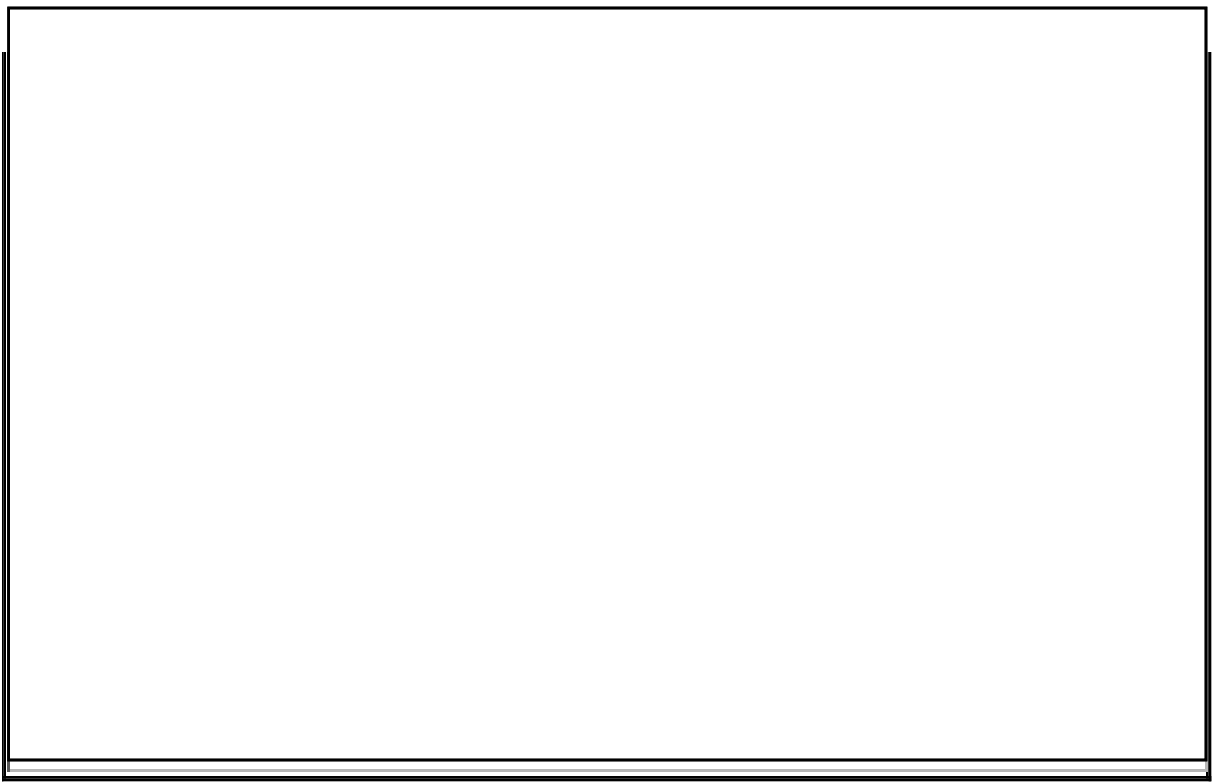
See:

<http://local21news.com/news/local/army-war-college-recognizes-local-students-for-their-winning-essays>

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extraordinary event,” said Dow-Ford. “The concept of taking young people, giving them an assignment, and then bringing them in to acknowledge the work around the assignment ... that’s critical. I hope you do this again.”

Dow-Ford currently serves on the boards of the Education and Policy Leadership Center, PA Partnerships for Children, The Hershey Company and is a director of Harrisburg University. Dow-Ford served in numerous educational positions throughout her career, among them, executive vice president and chief counsel of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, chief counsel of the New Jersey School Boards Association, and a commissioner on the New Jersey Governor’s Quality Education Commission.

After honoring the middle school award-winners, the audience will enjoyed a cultural food sampling in the Bliss Hall foyer.

This year's 2017 Black History Month - Essay Contest Awardees are:

Big Spring Middle School

Principal, Dr. Wilson
6th Grade: Nick Walter
7th Grade: Laila Moore
8th Grade: Abigail Bicking

Eagle View Middle School

Principal, Mr. Gallagher
6th Grade: Ashley Ross
7th Grade: Kharace Ogunnaike

Good Hope Middle School

Grace Baptist School

Principal, Mr. Hosenfeld
7th Grade: Christian Foust
8th Grade: Akshaj Kumar

Principal, Mr. Drummond
6th Grade: Ariella Cook
7th Grade: Savannah Bowlus
8th Grade: Jesse Beck

Lamberton Middle School

Principal, Mr. Colestock
6th Grade: Benjamin Myers
6th Grade: Roma Cervino
6th Grade: Sam Salomone

Mechanicsburg Middle School

Principal, Dr. Yohn
6th Grade: Jacklyn Wyszynski
7th Grade: Raihana Yameogo
8th Grade: Marissa Duggan

Saint Patrick School

Principal, Mr. Fly
6th Grade: Antonio Centenera
7th Grade: Eve Hornick
8th Grade: Lucy Cooper Silvis

Wilson Middle School

Principal, Mr. Friend
6th Grade: Jakyra Gottshall
7th Grade: Sejla Podzic
8th Grade: Destiny McFalls

Yellow Breeches Middle School

Principal, Dr. White
6th Grade: Martha Mundell

To read the award winning essays, please follow this link:
<http://www.csl.army.mil/bhm/blackhistorymonth.aspx>