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GERMAN-AMERICAN HALL of FAME ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2012 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

**Three high school and three college students share \$3,500 in prize awards.
Winners represent Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Ohio, Alabama and Michigan.**

The *German-American Hall of Fame* (GAMHOF) Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the winners of an exciting new initiative, the **GAMHOF Student Scholarship Essay Contest**.

With separate competitions for college and high school students, the essay contest offered cash awards totaling \$3,500 for the winning students in 2012. The two First prize winners will take home \$1,000, with Runners-up winning \$500 each, and Third prize winners gaining \$250 each.

The mission of GAMHOF is to highlight the contributions of outstanding Americans of German ancestry, underscoring the tremendous positive impact of America's largest immigrant group. Such notable Americans as President Eisenhower, Babe Ruth and Albert Einstein have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Founder and Chairman William Hetzler said that "GAMHOF is pleased to congratulate all six outstanding winners in this essay competition, which encouraged students to look into the lives and contributions of outstanding German-Americans, and then to write about them."

GAMHOF Board Secretary Herbert W. Stupp chaired the Scholarship Essay selection team, and added that: "We saw some fine research and writing that really brought alive the amazing impact of some 70 million Americans of German ancestry. There were many fine essays submitted, and it was difficult to narrow the winners down to six. In fact, the competition was so close, GAMHOF added third prize awards, in addition to the four prizes announced in 2012."

This year's student essay contest asked each applicant to write an essay about an American of Germany ancestry that the student found especially compelling. Then, the students elaborated by writing about their subject's impact on the United States.

The winners of the 2012 GAMHOF Student Scholarship Essay contest are:

College winners:

First prize**Josef Nothmann**, Suffolk University, Massachusetts...

Essay subject: Dr. Fritz Redlich [Read Essay](#)

Second prize.....**Crystal Stone**, Allegheny College, Pennsylvania

Essay subject: poet Lisel Mueller [Read Essay](#)

Third prize.....**Lisa Wiesenberger**, University of Michigan

Essay subject: Heidi Klum [Read Essay](#)

High School winners:

First prize.....**Abby Horne**, Auburn High School, Alabama

Essay subject: Amelia Earhart [Read Essay](#)

Second prize.....**Annie Lueck**, Auburn High School, Alabama

Essay subject: Dr. Wernher von Braun [Read Essay](#)

Third place.....**Matt Ahnrsen**, St. Xavier High School, Ohio

Essay subject: President Dwight D. Eisenhower [Read Essay](#)

Congratulations to the winners and to all the students who participated in the 2012 GAMHOF Student Scholarship Essay contest.

GAMHOF is an all-volunteer organization established in 2004 by prominent Americans of German ancestry to recognize and celebrate the impact of German immigrants and their progeny to the United States by highlighting some of the most remarkable German-Americans through a virtual "Hall of Fame." The *German-American Hall of Fame* is a Non-Profit Organization under Section 501 (c) 3 of the IRS registered in the State of New York. Please visit www.gamhof.org.

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