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## Scottsdale Student Wins National Law Day Essay Contest

PHOENIX – Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Brutinel congratulates BASIS Scottsdale fifth-grader Aydin Daniel for placing first among elementary school students in a national essay contest. The National Center for State Courts sponsors a yearly contest to commemorate Law Day on May 1. This year’s theme was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote. More than 1,600 students from 40 states and around the world submitted entries.

The essay question for elementary school students was “Why is it important that all citizens have the right to vote?” Mr. Daniel’s winning essay:

Imagine democracy as a house constructed with the citizens as its building materials, regardless of their race, gender or status. Each citizen has a crucial role to play. If it’s decided that a few bricks are not needed, or some tiles of the roof should not be involved, or a few of the frames that support the house are unnecessary, or if a part of the foundation is declared to be unseen and so is unworthy, the whole building would become dysfunctional and would collapse. It’s vital that all citizens have the right to vote for a fully functional democracy.

To read the winning essays, see the National Center for State Courts’ news release at <https://www.ncsc.org/Newsroom/News-releases/2020/Essay-Contest-Winners.aspx>.

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