



Memo

To: Principals and 8th Grade Language Arts Department Chairs

From: Laura Rogers, World Class Schools of Leon County

Date: October 5, 2020

Re: 2021 Best & Brightest Awards 8th Grade Essay Contest

Thank you for working with the Best & Brightest Awards in continuing the 8th Grade portion to our scholarship program. After many years of recognizing High School Seniors in Leon County for their excellence in academics and servitude to their schools and community, we are also excited to offer the essay contest for 8th Graders.

We appreciate you helping us promote this opportunity in the classroom and with the students learning at home. We hope the students will take the time to think about how they will use their knowledge of civic leadership and how to reach their goals in High School to become one of the Best & Brightest candidates their Senior year.

Our goal in starting early is that you will help spread the word in your school about the contest and lead the ranking process to turn in the top three essays. We are promoting the contest now so that you can work this essay around your curriculum. You may incorporate the essay contest into your curriculum at any time but we ask that you at least meet the deadline date to turn in your school's top three finalists by Thursday, March 4th by 5:00 pm to World Class Schools. We are located in the The Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce building at 300 East Park Avenue Street (the corner of Calhoun and Park). Attached is the Information Sheet on the contest deadlines.

Posters, criteria, deadlines and application information are provided for your Language Arts teachers and additional information is provided to download at www.wcsleon.com/bestandbrightest If you have any questions, please contact Laura Rogers at 850-521-3113 or Lrogers@talchamber.com