

PRESS RELEASE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
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Indianapolis, Indiana (December 6, 2021): The United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana is pleased to announce five Indiana finalists from the District Court's Bill of Rights student competition. Students from across the Southern District of Indiana submitted essays, poems, art, and videos expressing their thoughts on the importance of the Bill of Rights and its meaning in their lives. The Court received many wonderful submissions, and the decision was difficult. All students who entered a submission are to be congratulated for their effort.

The finalists from the Southern District of Indiana are:

**Elementary School**

Art Competition - Levin Greulich and Tommy Chopra, Grade 5, University Elementary School

Essay Competition – Rory Kopp, Grade 5, University Elementary School

**Middle School**

Art Competition – Addison Beaton, Grade 8, Homeschool

Essay Competition – Will Yi, Grade 8, Jackson Creek Elementary School

**High School**

Essay Competition – Nick Bozzelli-Levine, Grade 12, Cathedral High School

Indiana students whose art and essays were selected as district finalists went on to compete in a grand prize contest, where their entries were judged against other district winners from the ten states that comprise the Seventh and Eighth Circuits. Grand prize winners were announced during an evening program for families on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. First place in the Elementary School grand prize essay competition was awarded to Rory Kopp, a fifth-grade student at University Elementary School in Bloomington, Indiana.

Rory's essay explored the first amendment freedoms of religion, speech, press, and petition. She reflected on the ways that this amendment makes America a better place to live. When asked to comment on her winning essay, Rory said, "At first, I was surprised, but now I am proud of all the hard work I put into my essay. I learned a lot about the history of the Bill of Rights and how they related to today."

Congratulations to Rory for a job well done! A complete list of grand prize winners and finalists from across all 10 participating states can be viewed on the [Judicial Learning Center's website](#).