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## *Cumberland and Perry Counties Honor Middle School Students*

**Cumberland County, Pennsylvania-** The Cumberland County and Perry County Boards of Commissioners will recognize and award the winners of a writing contest for students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades in Cumberland and Perry Counties on **Monday, March 28, 2016.**

This writing contest was sponsored by the Cumberland-Perry Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and Cumberland County Youth Advisory Board (YAB). The goal of this contest is to recognize young people who are making positive and healthy decisions in their lives. Rewarding positive choices is a proven and effective strategy to protect youth from substance abuse and other risky behaviors.

The students were asked to incorporate the theme of the YAB tagline “When writing your own story, don’t let anyone else hold the pen.” This tagline is the centerpiece of a positive messaging campaign that was developed by the YAB membership last year. Students were also asked to demonstrate a clear no-use message, a personal commitment to leading a substance-free life, and positive future goals.

The first, second, and third place winners for each grade will receive a Visa gift card. The highest scoring essay was printed in the monthly SAPC column in The Sentinel newspaper. It will also be posted on the [Above the Influence](#) website. Above the Influence is a national drug prevention program for youth and is part of the non-profit Partnership for Drug-Free Kids.

**The Perry County Commissioners will honor the West Perry Middle School winners at 10:00 am.** The address is **Veteran’s Memorial Building, 25 W. Main Street, New Bloomfield, PA 17068.**

**The Cumberland County Commissioners will honor the Cumberland County award winners at 2:00 pm.** The location is at the **New Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Square, Carlisle, PA 17013 on the 3rd floor in the Jury Assembly Room.**

### **6th Grade:**

- 1st: Abby Collins, Mechanicsburg Middle School
- 2nd: Lydia Ring, Lamberton Middle School
- 3rd: Jack Smith, Lamberton Middle School

### **7th Grade:**

- 1st: Nicole Sanna, East Pennsboro Middle School
- 2nd: Aubrey Quagliani St. Joseph School
- 3rd: Rena Charles, St. Joseph School

### **8th Grade:**

- 1st: Shannon Keller, Carlisle Community Girl Scouts
- 2nd: Sarah Kretzing, West Perry Middle School
- 3rd: Alexandra Schlegel, West Perry Middle School