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League of Kansas Municipalities Honors “Local Leaders of Tomorrow” Contest Winners

(Topeka) – On Friday, May 3rd the League of Kansas Municipalities recognized six 7th graders for their participation in the League’s annual “Local Leaders of Tomorrow” essay contest. This year, the League recognized Elliana Kufahl, a 7th-grade student at Rock Creek Middle School, as the statewide winner. Elliana’s essay represented the northeast region of Kansas.

Every year, the League hosts this statewide competition for all seventh-grade students. The League of Kansas Municipalities (the League) believes that civic education is the foundation of an active and informed citizenry. To promote this, the League has long been involved in civic education programs for elementary, middle, and high school students. This year we shifted to a Classroom Based Assessment, so that it could fulfill requirements of the Kansas State Department of Education. Students were given a prompt question to answer.

Elliana’s essay focused on the important duties of local government. She described how law enforcement is a crucial part of the community, along with emergency medical services as well. She also described recreational services as beneficial and important in all communities.

The video of the statewide winner’s essay and photos of each regional winner are now available on the League’s Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LeagueofKansasMunicipalities>.

The League presented awards to six regional award winners and the statewide winner this week:

Name	Region	School	City
Elliana Kufahl	Northeast and Overall State Winner	Rock Creek Middle School	St. George
Alison Rosebrook	Northcentral	Lincoln Middle School	Lincoln
Hazel Breeden	Northwest	Quinter Junior High School	Quinter
Ella Sherpy	Southeast	Ottawa Middle School	Ottawa
Abrianna Goodrum	Southcentral	Eisenhower Middle School	Goddard
Huck Carpenter	Southwest	Wichita County Jr/Sr High School	Leoti

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