

**BERKSHIRE COUNTY REAL WOMEN ESSAY CONTEST
WINNERS 2017 – Essays listed in order in booklet**

KINDERGARTEN (listed alphabetically)

- Mason Betti, *Ruby Bridges*
Teacher: Mrs. Knauth, Allendale Elementary School, Pittsfield
- Hyrum Christiana, *Judith Emily Fera*
Teacher: Mrs. Brindle, Egremont Elementary School, Pittsfield
- Liam McGrath, *Rosa Parks*
Teacher: Mrs. Knauth, Allendale Elementary School, Pittsfield
- Brandon Roberts, *Grama*
Teacher: Mrs. Cronin, Egremont Elementary School, Pittsfield
- Dylan Rodriguez, *Ana Guzman*
Teacher: Mrs. Brindle, Egremont Elementary School, Pittsfield

GRADE 1

- 1st Melina King, *Ruby Bridges*
Teacher: Ms. Bazinet, Allendale Elementary School, Pittsfield
- 2nd Luzis Brown, *Jennifer Luzis*
Teachers: Ms. Giambrone, Allendale Elementary School, Pittsfield
- HM Jalana Smith, *Step Mom*
Teacher: Mrs. Capeless, Crosby Elementary School, Pittsfield

GRADES 2 & 3

- 1st Jude Wojtkowski, *Anne Wojtkowski*
Teacher: Ms. O'Neil, Grade Two, Stearns Elementary School, Pittsfield
- 2nd Natasha Nugent, *Kristen*
Teacher: Ms. Andersen, Grade Three, Williamstown Elementary School, Williamstown
- HM Lamin Jammeh, *Binta Kinteh*
Teacher: Ms. Winkle, Grade Two, Egremont Elementary School, Pittsfield

GRADES 4, 5, & 6

- 1st Maisy Seckler, *Tracy Seckler*
Teacher: Ms. Cormier, Grade Six, Monument Valley Middle School, Great Barrington
- 2nd Delany McKeever, *Amelia Earhart*
Teacher: Ms. Kuzia, Grade Four, Capeless Elementary School, Pittsfield
- HM Kayte Castoldi, *Jessica Castoldi*
Teacher: Mr. Andrew Mickle, Grade Five, Stearns Elementary School, Pittsfield

GRADES 7 & 8

- 1st Michelle Foley, *Maryellen Healy*
Teacher: Mrs. Roloson, Grade Seven, Reid Middle School, Pittsfield
- 2nd Anya Lyford, *Alisa Mezerjewski*
Teacher: Mrs. Roloson, Grade Seven, Reid Middle School, Pittsfield
- HM Mya Desautels, *Tina Maffuccio*
Teacher: Mrs. Roloson, Grade Seven, Reid Middle School, Pittsfield

GRADES 11 & 12

- 1st Samantha El Saddik, *Women of Haiti*
Teacher: Mrs. Callaghan, Grade Twelve, St. Joseph Central High, Pittsfield
- 2nd Bryce Pettograsso, *Michelle Pettograsso*
Teacher: Mrs. Callaghan, Grade Twelve, St. Joseph Central High, Pittsfield
- HM Mike Gingras, *Christin Gingras*
Teacher: Mrs. Callaghan, Grade Twelve, St. Joseph Central High, Pittsfield

MARY ELLEN AUSMAN AWARD

- Matthew Hurley, *Elaine Wheelock*
Teacher: Ms. Inman, Grade One, Allendale Elementary, Pittsfield
- Olivia Nda, *Marie Akuba Paha*
Teacher: Ms. Pink, Grade Eleven, Pittsfield High School, Pittsfield

1916 - Margaret Sanger opens the first birth control clinic

1903 - Marie Curie is awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics for the discovery of radioactivity

1854-1860 - Susan B. Anthony crusades for women's rights in the United States and internationally

1920 - With the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, U.S. women get to vote

1542 - Mary, Queen of Scots is the first known female golfer

1969 - Golda Meir becomes prime minister of Israel.

1849 - Elizabeth Blackwell becomes the first American woman to receive a medical degree

1928 - Women compete for the first time in Olympic field events

1906 - National Organization for Women (NOW) is founded

2570 B.C. - Queen Nefertari rules Egypt, calling herself "God's wife."