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**(Neb.)-Chadron High School Freshman Wins Statewide Law Day Essay Contest**



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(CHADRON)-A Chadron High School freshman has won the state's Law Day Essay Contest, which is sponsored by the Nebraska Supreme Court and the Nebraska State Bar Foundation. The contest asked participants to select their favorite patriotic symbol, song, holiday, or activity and tell how it contributes to the development of better citizens. Winner Shoilee Rahman chose Martin Luther King Jr. Day. In her essay, she states, "Today, Dr. King's leadership and activism during the civil rights era can act as a guide when people deal with issues regarding equality. Not only do his contributions act as a guide, but they also act as a source of inspiration for those wanting to start a movement geared toward social change."

One winner from each grade level was selected from high school entrants statewide. Rahman was the top essayist at the freshman level.

Dawes County Judge Russ Harford will present Rahman with a \$100 gift card from Cornhusker Bank of Lincoln, a personalized portfolio and a certificate of achievement award during the Kiwanis Honors Program on Thursday, April 25th in the Chadron High School auditorium. The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. Rahman has also won a classroom party to be held in May under the direction of sponsoring teacher Craig Nobiling.

The theme of this year's contest is keeping with the foundation's 2013 law-related education theme, "Civic Education - Keeping Our Democracy Alive."

Law Day is traditionally celebrated nationwide during the week of May 1st and is meant to reflect on the role of law in the foundation of the United States and to recognize its importance for society.

All contest entries were scored by a volunteer panel of Nebraska lawyers and judges who are members of the Public Education Outreach Promoting the Law & Equity (PEOPLE) Committee. The purpose of the committee is to help judges, foundation members and volunteer personnel develop skills in public outreach, community collaboration, community leadership, and public service.

--Submitted by the Nebraska Supreme Court and the Nebraska State Bar Foundation