



## Students Awarded 2016 YouthCon Scholarship

**31 May 2016 – FALL CHURCH, VIRGINIA** - Noel Elias, Tatiana Calderon, Vicky Lam, Lani Nguyen, Mai Linh Ho, Vy Anh Nguyen, and Philip Nguyen have been awarded for the 2016 YouthCon Scholarship, a scholarship from AASuccess, the nonprofit organization based in Falls Church. These students will receive scholarships ranging from \$500-\$1000 to be used in furthering their educations. YouthCon Scholarships are awarded to 8th -12th graders in the DC Metropolitan Area on a competitive basis of writing and oral presentation skills.

Noel Elias received a first place prize of \$1000, Tatiana Calderon and Vicky Lam received second place prizes of \$700, Lani Nguyen received a third place prize of \$500, and Mai Linh Ho and Vy-Anh Nguyen both received honorable mention recognition. All applicants submitted an essay and presented a speech based on the prompt: “Our expectation is that schools should be a place where students have a comprehensive education to prepare for an enriched life; however, there are many core lessons that are not taught. Please identify an essential subject that you believe should be taught in schools today and why?” Speeches and essays were judged by a panel of key figures in the DC Metropolitan Area community, including: James Wu, Nick Tran, Mong Hoa, Sean Le, Bradley Sisson, Elizabeth Barry, Andrew Tran, Michael Chan, Cecilia Tsang, Elizabeth Moon, Vicky Dang, and Christina Tran.

YouthCon winners were celebrated at the 2016 YouthCon Scholarship Banquet hosted at St. Stephens St. Agnes School on May 21st 2016. At the YouthCon Scholarship Banquet, all winners were announced and received their scholarship prizes as well as a letter of recognition from Senator Tim Kaine. Key guest speakers also gave presentations to the guests. Notable speakers include Delegate Kaye Kory, Mabel Lei, Senator David Marsden, and Dr. Michael Carter.



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