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Students Get a Chance to Show Their Talents and Win Cash

Raleigh, NC- This years Founders' celebration was designed to inspire and bring out the creativity in the students. The President's Office introduced the first inaugural essay contest with the topic of *Then and Now: Is there a necessity for HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities)?* The winners took center stage during the Evening of Cultural Expressions which was attended by faculty, staff and students. First, second and third place winners presented their essays during the event over dinner in the Martin Luther King Jr. Ballroom on January 30. Mario Castellanos, junior, history major was the third place winner, Roman Caple, sophomore, computer science major, placed second and Terrika Foster, junior political science major won first and the top prize of \$500.

"It means a lot to me to win this contest because there were numerous other students who submitted essays and there was a lot of competition and it shows that there are a lot of talented students at Saint Augustine's College," commented Terrika. President, Dianne Boardley Suber summed the evening up by commenting that it saddens her to see so much negative news about young people on TV, "But being here tonight and being extremely proud of our students and not having the media capture what real African American students are doing is a real loss." Winners of the contest will be recognized by the entire student body during the student assembly on Friday, February 1.

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