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STUDENT'S PATRIOTIC ESSAY PLACES FIRST IN DISTRICT

Ella Malone Shares Why She Honors the American Flag

Wimberley, Texas, March 5, 2019—Yearly, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriot's Pen Essay contest offers an exciting opportunity for junior high students to share their patriotism, with winners receiving cash rewards. Every year Wimberley ISD students respond in impressive form. This year, the second place winner, Danforth Junior High School seventh grader, Ella Malone, also won first place in District 5 competition and placed in the top 24 among more than 5,600 entries throughout Texas. Along with



Wimberley, District 5 is comprised of students from San Marcos, Kyle, New Braunfels, Buda, Canyon Lake and McQueeney. The topic this year was "Why I honor the American Flag."

"We were just blown away by the great participation from Danforth Junior High students and of course, the quality of their essays was equally as amazing. To have a local student rank first among all the other participants makes us all very proud," said Kerry Ridgway, VFW Post 6441 Patriot's Pen Coordinator.

Malone earned a \$200 award from the local VFW, \$500 for her first place in the district competition and \$100 from the state.

"We have never had a junior high student go this far in this essay competition, and she still has six more years to enter the annual competition," said Ridgway.

Find the inspirational essay that Malone submitted at <https://www.wimberleyisd.net/EllaMalonePatriotsPenEssay>.

Photo caption: Ella Malone, seventh grade Danforth Junior High student, wins the 2018 Patriot's Pen Essay district contest and receives cash and certificates from Kerry Ridgway, VFW Post 6441 Patriot's Pen Coordinator.

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About Wimberley Independent School District

Nestled in the majestic community of Wimberley, Texas, the Wimberley Independent School District offers the best of both worlds to local families—a small town environment with schools committed to innovation and excellence. WISD campuses include Scudder Primary School for students in PreK-1st grade, Jacobs Well Elementary for students in 2nd-5th grade, Danforth Junior High for students in 6th-8th grade and Wimberley High School, home of the Texans and students in 9th-12th grade. For more information, visit wimberleyisd.net.

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