Announcing the
Arnold Krekel and James Milton Turner Essay Contest

Celebrating German Heritage and Black History Month

It is little known that German immigrants to Missouri before and during the Civil War had no regard for the institution of slavery. They found the practice of slavery to be a fundamental threat to democracy in the United States. As a result, German immigrants took a courageous stand against the practice and worked with African American soldiers and abolitionists to end slavery and help improve education in the State. Judge Arnold Krekel took a lead in the emancipation convention and worked with James Milton Turner and the 62nd Colored Infantry to raise funds to start what is now Lincoln University. This essay contest challenges students to critically examine that history and evaluate why the example set by German immigrant abolitionists and African Americans who were enslaved or freed during this period was so important to Missouri and a model for our time.

Student Eligibility: 9th-12th grade

Entry Deadline: April 20, 2020 at 11:59 PM

Prizes: First Place - $300
Second Place - $150
Teacher Prize - $300

(This prize goes to the teacher with the most students participating that meet the guidelines.)

Student and Teacher winners will be featured in the Hermann Advertiser Courier Newspaper.

Special Thanks to the Hermann Lions Club, the Rotary Club of Arnold, and Deutschheim Verein for supporting this event and to the following collaborators:
Select one of the following three topics:

1. Why did German immigrants to Missouri coming as early as 1832 oppose Slavery and how did this affect Missouri History?

2. How can this shared history between Germans and African Americans be better known and celebrated?

Rules and Requirements

• Entrant must be in the 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade at the time of the current contest deadline. CCS Strategies reserves the right to make exceptions to this rule, on a case-by-case basis, for international students or for students with nonstandard school years.

• To avoid disqualification, essays must include a cover sheet with the following information:
  1. your name and address;
  2. your email address (if available);
  3. the name and address of your school;
  4. topic selected (#1 or 2 from “Topics”);
  5. your current grade level;
  6. name of your school and address;
  7. name of the teacher that encouraged you to enter this contest.

• One entry per student per contest.

• Essay must be no fewer than 600 and no more than 1,200 words in length, double-spaced. Spelling errors and/or corrections should be omitted before submission.

• Essay must be submitted online and by mail no later than April 20, 2020 to info@gitana-inc.org and CCS Inc, PO Box 300322, St. Louis, MO 63130. Confirmation will be sent to you within 48 hours.

• Essay must be solely the work of the entrant. Plagiarism will result in disqualification. Essays must not infringe on any third-party rights or intellectual property of any person, company or organization. By submitting an essay to this Contest, the entrant agrees to indemnify CCS Inc. and our collaborators for any claim, demand, judgment or other allegation arising from possible violation of someone’s trademark, copyright or other legally protected interest in any way in the entrant’s essay.

• Decisions of the judges are final.

• Employees of the Missouri Humanities Council, Visit Hermann, the Arnold Rotary Club, Deutschheim State Historic Site, CCS Inc. or the Showboat Community Theater, their boards of directors and their immediate family members are not eligible for this contest. The parties identified here are collaborators for this competition.

• All entries become the property of CCS Inc. and will not be returned. Essays may be reproduced and shared with third parties for purposes of marketing and documenting the contest.

• Winners and all other participants will be notified via email and/or by mail by May 4, 2020.

• Winners are responsible for providing their mailing addresses and other necessary information under the law in order to receive any prizes. Contest winners agree to allow CCS Inc. and its collaborators
to post their names on any of our affiliated websites or social media. When and if the first-place essay is posted it will be in its entirety with full credit given to the author.

- Winners consent to participate in interviews and allow competition collaborators to use quotes and take photographs, movies or videotapes of them.
- Winners also grant to CCS Inc.: the right to edit, use and reuse said products for charitable purposes, including use in print, on the internet and all other forms of media.
- Winners release CCS Inc. Its collaborators from all claims, demands, and liabilities whatsoever, regarding the above.
- Winners will be solely responsible for any federal, state or local taxes.

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**Judging**

**Criteria**

Judges will look for writing that is clear, logically organized and articulate. Winning entries will demonstrate a grasp of the material on their research.

The winning teacher will have the largest number of students participating in the contest that meet all rules and requirements.

**Judges**

Dr. Dena McCaffery, President-Elect, Jefferson College
Ray Ham, Retired History Teacher
Muriel Brison, Former Member, Hermann School Board