

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE



DuWayne Gregory, Presiding Officer

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PRESIDING OFFICER GREGORY SPONSORS STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Amityville, NY – Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory is highlighting African American inventors in a student essay contest in honor of African American History Month.

The contest invites students in grades 6, 7 and 8 to write about an African American inventor and discuss how his/her life or invention affects them personally. One student will be selected as an honorary ‘Legislator for a Day’ to spend one day in Suffolk County government with Presiding Officer Gregory.

“African American History Month provides an opportunity to focus on the contributions of African Americans,” said Presiding Officer Gregory. “This contest will give students a chance to discover the ingenuity and inventions of African American inventors of today as well as throughout our nation’s history.”

The deadline for submissions is February 25. For more information, please contact Presiding Officer Gregory’s district office at 631-854-1111.

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Legislator For A Day ** Essay Contest **

In honor of National African American History Month, Presiding Officer Gregory is recognizing and celebrating the ingenuity, inventions and contributions of African American Inventors.

PARTICIPANTS:

The contest is open to all students in grades 6, 7, and 8.

TOPIC:

How do African American Inventors affect your daily life?

Students are asked to choose an African American inventor and write a short essay of approximately 250 words about how his/her life or invention affects them personally.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY:

February 25, 2014

AWARD:

One student will be selected as an honorary *Legislator for a Day* to spend one day in Suffolk County government with Presiding Officer Gregory. All contest participants will receive a certificate of participation.