



SPS Minority Teacher Recruitment Task Force in partnership with Cooperative Educational Services
Presents a Video Essay Contest



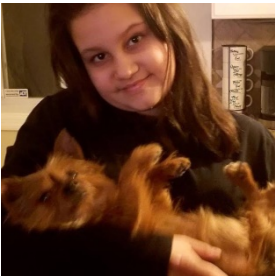
So You're Thinking About Becoming a Teacher?!

Stratford Public Schools in partnership with Cooperative Educational Services would like to officially announce the winners of the "So You're Thinking About Becoming a Teacher" video essay contest. As the SPS Minority Teacher Recruitment Task Force, we are dedicated to seeing our students become future teachers while also creating a diverse workforce within the Stratford Public School district. A teaching career interest survey was given between December 2019-January 2020 to all middle and high school students where 13% of students have some interest in the teaching field. To cultivate the interest of the students this specific contest showcased the talents of students and coerced them into thinking about the type of teacher they would like to be and acknowledge the teachers who inspired them.

The 2020 contest was open to students from both middle and high schools within the district. On June 12th, students submitted two to three minute videos that answered the question: "Why they want to become a teacher?"

We are glad we have the ability to award, in total, \$675 to the students.

2020 winners include:



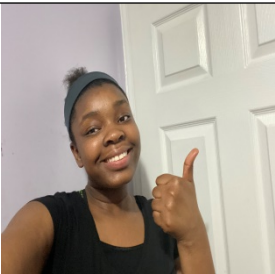
Abigail Flores
7th grade
Wooster Middle School



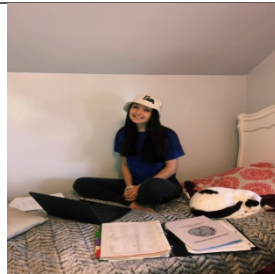
Matthew Kleszczewski
7th grade
Wooster Middle School



Allison Falotico
8th grade
Flood Middle School



Yasmin Sokunle
9th grade
Stratford High School



Sarah Khouja
11th grade
Bunnell High School



Tiana Golding
9th grade
Stratford High School

Natalie Orris
10th grade
Stratford High School

Angie Rodriguez-Aguirre
8th grade
Wooster Middle School

Miranda Carazo
9th grade
Stratford High School