



**The Hall at Patriot Place presented by Raytheon  
2012 Black History Month 3C's Essay Contest  
(Character, Contribution, and Community)**

*The Hall at Patriot Place presented by Raytheon is sponsoring a Black History Month Essay Contest designed to encourage students to learn more about the contributions African Americans have made to our country. The focus of the contest is to encourage students to learn not just about African American History, but also about American History.*

*Students from the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade (Middle School Level) and 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade (High School Level) who attend public or private schools within CT, MA, VT, NH, or RI can enter this contest.*

Character determines success. Throughout American history, African Americans have exhibited courage, self-esteem, ingenuity, discipline, and integrity to become successful entrepreneurs, politicians, scientists, artists, educators, and athletes. Their accomplishments have inspired many people and advanced the American community. For African Americans who lived in the 19<sup>th</sup> - and early 20<sup>th</sup> - Century during the height of the struggle for racial equality, they found that, despite their successes, they were more often judged by the color of their skin and not the content of their character.

The Hall at Patriot Place presented by Raytheon invites you to investigate the past and discover notable 19<sup>th</sup>- and early 20<sup>th</sup>-Century African Americans who paved the way for all Americans. In 700 words or less, write about an African American who influenced government, science, medicine, education, entertainment, sports, literature, business, or the arts. Tell us about their contributions to our country, the positive character traits they possessed, why character is important for success in reaching personal and professional goals, and why it's important to judge others by the content of their character. Moreover, tell us about someone in your family, school, or community who reminds you of the African American featured in your essay. Please tell us why.

Please see attached documents for contest details and requirements.



**The Hall at Patriot Place presented by Raytheon  
2012 Black History Month 3 C'S Essay Competition  
(Character, Contribution, and Community)**

**INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS**

For Contest Official Rules, see [www.thehallatpatriotplace.com](http://www.thehallatpatriotplace.com)

Students from the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade (middle school level) and 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade (high school level) who attend public or private schools within CT, MA, VT, NH or RI can enter this contest.

Essays from schools must be postmarked no later than February 29, 2012.

Process:

- Select an essay competition coordinator. Establish essay submission deadline.
- Make copies of the attached **Information for Students and the Essay Contest Entry Form** and distribute them to students.
- Sending in the Essays: Students must submit their essays to the school essay competition coordinator who will select the best essay from each grade for judging.

**IMPORTANT:** The essays selected for judging must be sent to The Hall at Patriot Place presented by Raytheon with a postmarked no later than Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

Please mail essays to:

The 3 C'S Essay Contest  
The Hall at Patriot Place  
One Patriot Place, Foxboro, MA 02035  
ATTN: Peg Myers.

Be sure to send the Essay Contest Entry Form with the corresponding essay.

- Judging Panel: The judging panel will include two (2) New England Patriots Alumni, two (2) members of The Hall at Patriot Place staff and two (2) New England Patriots staff members.
- Notification of semi finalist: 25 semi finalists, their immediate families and their school representative will be invited to a special recognition ceremony on April 2, 2012 at the Hall at Patriot Place. The middle school and the high school winners of the essay contest will be announced during the recognition ceremony.



## **The Hall at Patriot Place presented by Raytheon 2012 Black History Month 3 C'S Essay Competition (Character, Contribution, and Community)**

### **Rules:**

- Essay length 700 words or less. Essays must be written in English.
- An Essay Contest Entry Form must be stapled to each essay. Submissions must be anonymous; essays with the student's name or the school's name written on them will be disqualified. All identifying information must be on the Entry Form and stapled to the essay, not written on the essay itself. (See Essay Contest Entry Form)
- Essays typed on a computer must be in a 12-point font size, double spaced and font must be easy to read (no bold fonts). Handwritten essays either printed or in cursive must be legible. Only plain white or lined paper will be accepted.
- The title of the essay must be written at the top of the first page.
- Essays will be judged on originality and creativity, cultural knowledge and research, organizational structure and clarity, as well as spelling and grammar. Essays will not be returned to the schools and it is suggested that students and schools each keep a copy.

### **TOPIC FOR ESSAY**

The Hall at Patriot Place presented by Raytheon invites you to investigate the past and discover notable 19<sup>th</sup>- and early 20<sup>th</sup>-Century African Americans who paved the way for all Americans. In 700 words or less, write about an African American who influenced life in government, science, medicine, education, entertainment, sports, literature, business, or the arts. Tell us about their contributions to our country, the positive character traits they possessed, why character is important for success in reaching personal and professional goals, and why it's important to judge others by the content of their character. Moreover, tell us about someone in your family, school, or community who reminds you of the African American featured in your essay. Please tell us why.

**Prize:** Two tickets to the 2012 New England Patriots Home Opener (middle school level)  
Two tickets to the 2012 New England Patriots Home Opener (high school level)

For further information, contact Peg Myers at 508-549-0553 or [pegm@patriots.com](mailto:pegm@patriots.com)



**The Hall at Patriot Place presented by Raytheon  
2012 Black History Month 3C'S Essay Competition  
(Character, Contribution and Community)**

**INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS**

For Contest Official Rules, see [www.thehallatpatriotplace.com](http://www.thehallatpatriotplace.com)

Students from the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade (middle school level) and 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade (high school level) who attend public or private schools within the New England States can enter this contest. Essays from schools must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, February 29, 2012. You must obtain your parent's consent to enter the contest if you are under the age of 18.

**Win two tickets to 2012 New England Patriots Home Opener**

25 semi-finalists, their immediate families, and their school representative will be invited to a special recognition ceremony at the Hall at Patriot Place on April 2, 2012. A middle school level entry and a high school level entry will be awarded 2 tickets each to the 2012 New England Patriots home opener. The winners will be announced during the special recognition ceremony. If a winner is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must accompany the winner to the game.

**Rules:**

- Student must be school aged: (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) middle school level or (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) high school level, and attend a public or private school in CT, MA, VT, NH, or RI.
- Essay length 700 words or less. Essays must be written in English.
- A completed Essay Contest Entry Form must accompany each submitted essay.
- Submissions must be anonymous; essays with the student's name or the school's name written on them will be disqualified. All identifying information must be on the Entry Form and stapled to the essay, not written on the essay itself. (See Essay Contest Entry Form)
- Essays typed on a computer must be in a 12-point font size, double spaced and font must be easy to read (no bold fonts). Handwritten essays must be legible, on plain white or lined paper, either printed or in cursive.
- The title of the essay must be written at the top of the first page.
- Essays will be judged on originality and creativity, cultural knowledge and research, organizational structure and clarity, as well as spelling and grammar. Essays will not be returned to the schools.
- Submit your essay and the Essay Contest Entry Form to the competition coordinator at your school by the designated date. The school will select the best essay from each grade level to be entered into the competition for judging. (Instructions for Schools available at [www.thehallatpatriotplace.com](http://www.thehallatpatriotplace.com)).
- The decisions of the judges are final. Essays will not be returned to the schools.



**The Hall at Patriot Place presented by Raytheon  
2012 Black History Month 3C'S Essay Competition  
(Character, Contribution and Community)**

**ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

School City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School Principal \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Essay Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that this student is a student in good standing at this school, created the submitted work, and has followed all guidelines and rules of the Student Essay Rules. Should he or she be chosen as one of the 25 semi-finalists of the 2012 Black History Month 3 C'S Essay contest, you may contact me directly to let us know. I also understand that if it discovered that this student's submitted work is not original, the essay entry will be subject to immediate disqualification without an explanation from the Contest Judging Committee.

Essay Coordinator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Essay Coordinator's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that I have read and understand all the terms and conditions for the contest (the Contest "Official Rules") attached hereto. I hereby consent to my child's participation in the Contest, and to the collection of my child's personal information in the this contest.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent of Legal Guardian Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_