

2025 NINTH CIRCUIT CIVICS CONTEST

When Duty Calls: Why Exercising the Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship is Important to Me

The United States District Court for the District of Alaska received 11 entries from students addressing the 2025 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest, “When Duty Calls: Why Exercising the Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship is Important to Me.”

The District of Alaska is pleased to announce the following individuals who participated from our District. Thank you all for participating! *We would like to extend a special congratulations to Everett Piaskowski and Sebastian Young for advancing to 3rd Place overall in the Ninth Circuit Video Contest.*

View the Ninth Circuit Press Release here:

https://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/ce9/2025/2025_NCCC_Winners_Announced.pdf

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Essay Contest Finalists

1st place—Mariah Abbott

9th grade, Upstream Learning, Glennallen

2nd place—Mallory Raun

11th grade, West Anchorage High School, Anchorage

3rd place—Kylie Woodhead

9th grade, Mat-Su Career & Tech High School, Wasilla.

Video Contest Finalist

1st place*—the team of Everett Piaskowski and Sebastian Young

9th grade, Homeschool, Willow and Wasilla

**3rd place in 9th Circuit Civics Video Contest*

Honorable Mention - Video

Yedidia Diboue

10th grade, West Anchorage High School, Anchorage

Honorable Mention - Essays

Brooklyn Bauer

12th grade, Ketchikan High School, Ketchikan

Kynedi Clark

12th grade, Mat-Su Career & Tech High School, Wasilla

Andrew Gallt

12th grade, Glenallen High School, Gakona

Keira James

11th grade, Robert Service High School, Anchorage

Miles Palchikoff

11th grade, Lathrop High School, Fairbanks

Nevaeh Sturgeon

9th Grade, Wasilla High School, Wasilla

This Contest is organized by the circuit's Public Information and Community Outreach
(PICO) Committee

More information can be found at the contest website:

<https://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/civicscontest/>