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***Ahead of the Curve* Writing, Art & Podcast Contest 2020 – EXTENDED!**

Did you know that Washington women have shaped history locally, nationally, even globally? Were you aware that they discovered the genetic link to breast cancer, influenced landmark Supreme Court cases, built modern bridges and tunnels, pioneered equal pay for women, and are fighting to save their communities from climate change?

That's a just a sampling of the amazing women spotlighted in ***Ahead of the Curve***, a Legacy Washington project. You'll meet more, including the greatest soccer player of the 20th century, a billionaire devoted to improving women's health in Africa, the "Rosa Parks of the American Indian Movement," and a dozen others. ***Ahead of the Curve*** focuses on Washington women who have been leading the way since 1910 when they won the right to vote, 10 years before the passage of the 19th Amendment. By focusing on both historical and contemporary women, ***Ahead of the Curve*** celebrates the 100th anniversary of American women gaining the right to vote with an exhibit in the state Capitol, online profiles, a printed book and lesson plans: <https://www.sos.wa.gov/legacy/ahead-of-the-curve/>

The physical exhibit is on display inside the State Capitol Building in the Secretary of State's office through the Fall of 2020. It will eventually travel to other museums around the state.

Contest Details:

Legacy Washington is sponsoring an art, writing and podcast contest for 6-12th grade students in Washington State. The contest runs from January 6, 2020 to May 31, 2020. Educators are encouraged to share this contest with their students and classrooms. Participants are asked to explore the question of **who they believe is ahead of the curve in their community and why**. This exploration and analysis can be unveiled in multiple creative formats including writings, 2-dimensional art or a podcast.

A panel of judges will choose and announce a winner from each category in June of 2020 (for grades 6-8 and grades 9-12). Judges will consider factors such as creativity, professionalism, and potential social impact to determine winners. Winners will be invited to a ceremony in the Secretary of State's Office where they will be presented with a special certificate and a gift card. Winning pieces will also be posted on the Secretary of State's website, featured in SOS publications and appear alongside the ***Ahead of the Curve*** exhibit.

Contest Rules:

The contest is open to Washington State students in grades 6-12. Writers, artists and podcast creators are encouraged to participate and explore the question of who they believe is ahead of the curve in their community and why.

Writers:

- May submit letters, essays, or poetry.
- Must submit entries no more than 1000 words.

Artists:

- Must submit original "flat/two dimensional" pieces no larger than 18" x 24."
- Must include an artist statement of no more than 100 words.

Podcasts:

- Must submit pieces no more than 3 minutes.
- Must include citations for any references.

All participants:

- Should not use copyrighted material without permission and proper citation.
- Should include: student name, teacher name, school name, grade and school district.
- Must fill out a contest form (attached) and follow submission guidelines.
- **Must submit their work by May 31, 2020.**

For questions or additional information please contact Laura Mott, laura.mott@sos.wa.gov or (360) 902-4171.

To view profiles of the ***Ahead of the Curve*** project: <https://www.sos.wa.gov/legacy/ahead-of-the-curve/>

To access Ahead of the Curve printable exhibit and lesson plan:

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/legacy/ahead-of-the-curve/lesson-plan.aspx>

About Legacy Washington

Legacy Washington documents extraordinary stories in Washington history. This collaborative venture, spearheaded by Secretary of State Kim Wyman, relies on original sources at the Washington State Library, the Washington State Archives and heritage organizations across the state. The work of Legacy Washington can be found in libraries across the country and in heritage organizations and schools statewide.

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/legacy/>

Writing, Art & Podcast Contest Entry Form



Ahead of the Curve Writing, Art & Podcast Contest

January 6 – May 31, 2020

Win!!

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Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Entry Title: _____

Teacher: _____ School/School District: _____

Three ways to enter:

- Email your entry as an attachment (include name, address, phone number, school and teacher) to info@sos.wa.gov. **Podcast entrants**, please email link to your film.
- Turn in your submission and entry form to the Office of the Secretary of State (416 Sid Snyder SW, Room 250, Olympia, 98501)
- Mail your submission and entry form to: Legacy Washington, Office of the Secretary of State, PO Box 40222, Olympia, WA 98504
- For more information email info@sos.wa.gov or call (360) 902-4171



Your name may appear on the Legacy Washington website and/or in other media.