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### Area High School Students to win Cash Awards

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Students from three Capital Region high schools will win cash awards from the Albany-Tula Alliance on Thursday, May 11 for their independent research and study.

High school students were asked to compare the women's rights movements in Russia and the United States over the past 150 years. They researched two important milestones: the Seneca Falls Convention in the United States in 1848 and that in St. Petersburg, Russia in the early 1900's.

Issues written about included how each movement advanced the cause of women's rights while citing specific women or developments that have transformed society in the field of science, medicine, government, education, diplomacy or athletics. All entries provided insight into the differences and similarities in movements subject to the culture and politics of their respective country.

The topic was picked in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of women's suffrage in New York State, two years before the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment was passed giving women the right to vote nationally.

The Albany Tula Alliance will present three cash awards, \$1000, \$500 and \$250 to the students who wrote the top three essays. Nine students from 5 area high schools wrote essays. All entry recipients will learn the winners on Thursday, May 11, starting at 4pm at the Fort Orange Club, 110 State Street, Albany, NY.

**Reporters and photographers are invited to cover the awards ceremony Thursday, May 11, at 4pm at the Fort Orange Club, 110 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY.**

The Albany-Tula Alliance was formed in 1991 to encourage cultural, educational and business exchanges between the greater Capital Region of New York and our sister city of Tula, Russia. For over a quarter century, our exchanges have helped improve relations and understand between countries. While government relations remains strained, the Alliance continues to work together as citizen diplomats.



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