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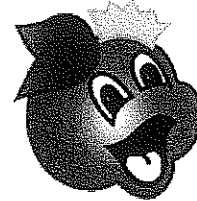
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## JUNIOR ORANGE BOWL CELEBRATES YOUNG WRITERS

By *Connie Goodman-Milone (chair)*



Join us on January 4 to celebrate the winners of the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Junior Orange Bowl Creative Writing Contest. We will honor three exceptional young writers in the community. The theme for this essay contest was "How Can We All Get Along?" TD Bank is a title sponsor and South Florida Writers Association is a co-sponsor of this literary competition and awards event.

The Creative Writing Committee welcomes the support of fellow writers from SFWA at this meeting. Members of the Junior Orange Bowl and the Junior Orange Bowl Royal Court will be present. We will be joined by distinguished members of the community. Books & Books is hosting the awards ceremony in Coral Gables. We will have a fine brunch prepared by Irving Fields at the Books & Books Café.

The Junior Orange Bowl Creative Writing Contest is open to eighth grade middle-school students in Miami-Dade County. We received 176 submissions from public and private school students. We applaud the winners of the 2013-2014 Creative Writing Contest. **Adriana Trueba** from St. Louis Covenant School is our First Place winner. **Katherine Garcia** from Hammocks Middle School won the Second Place prize. **Danelle Antelo** from Miami Arts Charter School won the prize for Third Place. These young authors will inspire us with a reading of their essays.

The contest winners and their teachers will receive numerous awards. They will be greeted by the Junior Orange Bowl Queen and her Royal Court. Queen Camila V. Romero, Princess Skyler Odin, Princess Alexis Santana, and Little Sister Celine Alvarez will assist in the presentation of awards.

The South Florida Writers Association will present cash awards to the students. Books & Books, HistoryMiami, Pérez Art Museum Miami, and Friends of the Everglades will provide gift awards for winning students and teachers. The winning essays will appear in the *Author's Voice* of the South Florida Writers Association. The winners are invited to march in the Junior Orange Bowl Parade in November 2014.

We welcome Alvaro Niebles, who will offer us a few words from our title sponsor TD Bank. He is Assistant V.P. and Branch Manager of TD Bank on Ponce Boulevard in Coral Gables.

We are honored to have **Dr. Steve Liebowitz** as our special guest speaker. Steve Liebowitz is the author of *Devorah, The Covenant and The Scrolls, Book One* and *The New Professionalism: Connecting Science and Spirit*. Dr. Steve is a two-term past president of the SFWA. He has two Masters degrees and an earned Doctorate from FIU. Steve is Managing Partner of Wisdom At Work, a Life Coaching and business consulting company. He is also kind and compassionate.

Our contest judges are writers, teachers, and avid readers in South Florida. The essays were evaluated as blind submissions in the Final Round. Past Junior Orange Bowl Queen, Aria Armstead, LaTasha Armstead, Tony Newall, and Kate Swain were First Round judges. Dorothy Danaher White, Tere Starr, Cara Nusinov, and Georgina Marrero served as Second Round judges. SFWA President Don Daniels and Kate Swain were among the Final Round judges. Connie Goodman-Milone (chair) served as a judge in all three rounds.

Our gratitude is with the Junior Orange Bowl and SFWA for co-sponsoring this children's writing contest. We thank TD Bank for their generosity as title sponsor of this event. Immense thanks to Books & Books and the Creative Writing Committee sponsors for their support of our literary mission. We also thank our underwriting team of Creative Writing Scribes for their contribution.

We gratefully acknowledge the City of Coral Gables, Miami Children's Hospital, Orange Bowl Committee, and the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for their support as Junior Orange Bowl Festival sponsors. For more on the Junior Orange Bowl, call 305-662-1210 or visit [www.jrorangebowl.org](http://www.jrorangebowl.org).



## JUNIOR ORANGE BOWL

December 20, 2013

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]:

Congratulations on being a Junior Orange Bowl winning teacher! Your student, Katherine GARCIA, has won the Second Place prize in the 2013-2014 Junior Orange Bowl Creative Writing Contest. Katherine has presented a truly outstanding entry on the theme, "How Can We All Get Along?"

We look forward to honoring Katherine as a winning student, and you as her teacher, at the Junior Orange Bowl Creative Writing Contest awards ceremony. We have the support of 50 Bank as title sponsor and the South Florida Writers Association as co-sponsor of this event.

The awards ceremony will be on Saturday, January 19, 2014 at 10:00 am. The event will be at Books & Books at 265 Aragon Avenue in Coral Gables.

Katherine has been invited to read her essay at the awards event. Her essay will be published in the February issue of the Author's Voice of the South Florida Writers Association.

Sincerely,  
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