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The Richmond Fed's Charlotte Office Announces Creative Expression Contest Winners

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond's Charlotte Office presented awards to the winners of its first creative expression contest.

Debbie Vu of Pinecrest High School in Southern Pines, N.C., won first place in the short story division and received a \$400 savings bond. Daniel Koverman of Fort Mill High School in Fort Mill, S.C. won second place and received a \$300 savings bond. Alex Okowita of Marvin Ridge High School in Waxhaw, N.C., won third place and received a \$200 savings bond. Jacob Tucker of Marion High School in Marion, S.C., won the comic strip division and received a \$400 savings bond. Fellow classmate Miranda Merritt won second place and received a \$300 savings bond and Chelsey Landis of Anson High School in Wadesboro, N.C., won third place and received a \$200 savings bond.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond sponsors the contest to promote economic and financial education and to encourage excellence in the creative arts. Students were asked to write a short story or draw a comic strip on the following topic: *“Imagine you are a super hero who has mysteriously gained extraordinary powers that allow you to solve economic problems throughout the world. By considering an economic problem or issue, explain how you would use your powers to save the proverbial day!”*

The inaugural competition drew 43 total entries; 33 short stories and 10 comic strips from nine high schools. Twenty-seven entries were from North Carolina schools and 16 were received from South Carolina. Essay judges included Wanda Carter, Frank Leon and Karen Davis in the Charlotte Office's Public Affairs department.

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