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Brockton Area Branch NAACP

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GOLD MEDALS AWARDED TO THREE TEENS REPRESENTING BROCKTON AREA BRANCH NAACP AT THE ACT-SO LOCAL VIRTUAL COMPETITION IN BROCKTON, MA ON SATURDAY MAY 30, 2020.

Eight students competed in nine categories at the Brockton Area Branch NAACP virtual local ACT-SO Competition on May 30th. The schools represented were Brockton High School, Cardinal Spellman, Wareham High School and St. Joseph Parish in Brighton.

Mayor Robert Sullivan and Superintendent of Schools, Michael Thomas congratulated the students on all their hard work and dedication to the ACT-SO program at the award ceremony held via Zoom on May 31st.

Three Brockton High School students won five first-place gold medals. Stephanie Amanze won gold in Short Story and gold in Health/Medicine. Stephanie is a freshman at Brockton High School. Chrisla Brignol won gold in Written Poetry and gold in Dance/Traditional. Chrisla is a junior at Brockton High School. Isabelle Staco won gold in Biology. Isabelle is a junior at Brockton High School.

First timer, Niaomi Holley, a Brockton resident and 9th Grader at Cardinal Spellman High School won a Silver Medal in Painting.

All gold medal winners will compete in the virtual National ACT-SO competition on July 22-25. The awards will be announced live via Zoom on Saturday, July 25.

The Brockton Area Branch NAACP has been a leader in ensuring equal access for all residents in housing, economic opportunity, education, justice, legal support and media diversity since the 1950's. We promote civic engagement; we advocate for civil rights; we support and encourage the revitalization of downtown Brockton. This paved the way for the Brockton Area Branch in the 1990's to establish a strong youth program called ACT-SO.

WHAT IS ACT-SO?

ACT-SO – the **A**fro **A**cademic, **C**ultural, **T**echnological and **S**cientific **O**lympics, is a youth program under the administrative aegis of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). **ACTSO** is an enrichment program designed to encourage high academic and cultural achievement among underserved minority high school students.

ACT-SO is the stepping stone to greatness!



Stephanie Amanze



Chrisla Brignol



Isabelle Staco