

*The  
South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs*

*presents*

*National Consumer Protection Week  
Essay Competition Award Ceremony*



***“If I Had \$100, I Would...”***

*South Carolina Statehouse  
Capitol Rotunda*

*Wednesday, March 10, 2010*



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*Boxed lunches funded through a grant from the Direct Selling Education Foundation are available for ceremony attendees following the program.*





## ***Order of Events***

### ***Opening Remarks***

*Maria Audas, SCDCA*

*Brandolyn Thomas Pinkston, SCDCA Administrator*

### ***Recognition of Special Guests***

*Dr. Lonnie Randolph, Chair, Commission on Consumer Affairs*

*Dr. Eunice Dudley, Co-Founder, Dudley Products &*

*Member, Direct Selling Education Foundation Board*

*Mr. Lloyd Hendricks, President, South Carolina Bankers Association*

### ***Presentation of Awards***

### ***Closing Remarks***



*Please join us in congratulating...*

*Andrew Zeringue  
Moultrie Middle School  
Mt. Pleasant, SC*

*Sarah Feingold  
Charleston Catholic School  
Charleston, SC*

*Sojo Tripp  
Moultrie Middle School  
Mt. Pleasant, SC*

*Taylor Covington  
Ewing Middle School  
Gaffney, SC*

*Travaisha Shaw  
Felton Laboratory School  
Orangeburg, SC*



## *Excerpts From Our Winning Essays: If I Had \$100, I Would...*

“Then it dawned on me, ‘I’ll open a nature photography shop.’ I already had a camera from Christmas. It was the perfect plan. I put my money in the bank and did many odd jobs to help save for a better camera. I eventually got enough money for the camera. For my photograph, my mom and dad took me for a boat ride. I got a lot of good, pretty pictures. One of them was my best seller. It was a picture of a ghost crab. My business soared.”

--- Sojo Trip

“If I had one hundred dollars I would probably beg my mom to go to EB Games. Then she would say ‘Andrew, you need to save your money!’ This time however is different from all those other times. Recently, my mom told me about a man named Randy Burch...His story broke their hearts and they knew something must be done. After that, the Randy Burch Campaign was started...If I won a hundred dollars, I would donate it to the Randy Burch Campaign. I think this time EB Games can wait.”

--- Andrew Zeringue

“Four years ago, my siblings and I lost our sister Grace to leukemia, a type of cancer. Grace was very special to me. She was a triplet and was born with Down syndrome, which is caused by an extra chromosome. We like to say that she had designer genes! She was very beautiful, with sparkling blue eyes and a smile that made her face glow like the full moon. Grace worked extremely hard, and she even learned to read by the time she was 3 years old, just before she died. I want to work extra hard to make sure children with disabilities never feel excluded.”

--- Sarah Feingold

“We just can’t do it this Christmas, a father explains as a child’s head drops, tears spilling over his eyes, staining his cheeks. ‘Times are hard son,’ the father says wiping the boy’s tears, ‘maybe next year.’ I never want to deliver this news to my child. Handling \$100 will be great practice. A life of luxury isn’t my aim, just contentment. The money itself isn’t the bulk of the value; it’s merely paper with Benjamin Franklin’s image printed on it. The value is the lesson it portrays. Its lesson on saving will affect me way after it’s gone.”

--- Taylor Covington

“Next, I would buy my mother a rose to show her how much I love and appreciate her. Whenever I need assistance with an assignment, she is always there to make sure I have everything I need to accomplish my goal. Additionally, my mother gives me advice whenever I do not know what to do in a complex situation. I frequently tell her “thank you,” but if I gave her a rose, this would show my appreciation for her even more.”

--- Travaisha Shaw