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Department of Education

DATE: February 16, 2018
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Steven M. Constantino, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Virginia Women in History Writing Contest**

Virginia students in grades 6-12 are invited to honor outstanding women in Virginia history by participating in Encyclopedia Virginia and the Library of Virginia's *Virginia Women in History* student writing contest. Four winning essays will be chosen, two from students in grades 6-8, and two from students in grades 9-12. Prizes include a Kindle Fire for each student winner and \$250 for each winner's school. Deadline for submissions is Friday, March 2, 2018. Please visit the [contest rules](#).

The [2018 Virginia Women in History honorees' names and biographies](#) are available online as well as educational resources including [Using the Primary Resources](#) Associated with the Virginia Women in History Program.

For more information about the Virginia Women in History Program or Writing Contest, please contact the Library of Virginia education team, by email at education@lva.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 692-3999; or Betsy Barton, Specialist for History and Social Science, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood, by email at Betsy.Barton@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-3454.

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