



16th Annual Black History Month Scholarship "Poetry Slam" and Poster Competition

Pistons Legend Rick Mahorn is inviting high school seniors in Detroit to participate in the 16th Annual Pistons Black History Month scholarship competition. This year we are looking for each school to provide **two senior students**: one to compete in the poetry slam component and the other will submit a piece for the poster contest. High school seniors chosen by each participating high school will present an original interpretation of the contest theme virtually in front a panel of community leader judges for scholarships for higher education.

THEME:

Powering Humanity

EVENT DAY DETAILS:

Location: Virtual

Date: Friday, February 12

Event Time: 1:00PM-2:30PM

Expected Run-of-Show:

- Welcome
- Introduction
- Address by Pistons Legend Rick Mahorn
- Presentation/Performances by Senior Contestants

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE:

- Commitment that your school will provide a contestants for both the Poetry Slam and Poster Contest – both must be SENIORS
 - **Deadline: Wednesday, January 27**

REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR SENIOR STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN POETRY SLAM:

- Submit your Poetry Slam and Poster Contestants
 - Must fill out contestant sheet provided
 - **Deadline: Friday, January 29**
- Commitment that your senior will adhere to the guidelines set forth for the competition:
 - The theme of "Powering Humanity." must be present
 - The performance **must be between one minute and thirty seconds (1:30) and two (2) minutes.**
 - Understanding that the performance/presentation will be judged based on specific criteria:
 - Adherence to the Topic/Theme/ Research(scored 1-10)
 - Originality/Creativity (scored 1-10)
 - Online Presence (scored 1-10)



- Time restraints
 - Performances that are 1:30 – 2:00 will receive 10 points
 - Performances that are 2:01 – 2:15 will receive 5 points
 - Performances that are 2:16 – 2:30 will receive 0 points
 - Performances less than 1:30 or longer than 2:30 will be disqualified
- Understanding that while we encourage free speech - use of profane or intolerant language is not permitted
- Understanding that each performance/presentation needs to be created and performed by the participant

REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR SENIOR STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN **POSTER CONTEST**

- Submit your Poster Contestants
 - Must fill out contestant sheet provided
 - **Deadline: Wednesday, January 27**
- Poster and paragraph description submitted by
 - **Deadline: Thursday, February 4**
 - Submit several pictures of your poster to coeffler@pistons.com
 - Contestant MUST be at present on Friday, February 12th virtually
 - Public vote winners will be announced that day
- Commitment that your senior will adhere to the guidelines set forth for the competition:
 - Artwork should be on **11" by 17" poster paper**
 - The theme of "Powering Humanity" must be present
 - Originality- the work must be done solely by the contestant
 - Creativity