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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER AWARDS \$175,000 TO THREE PHILADELPHIA SCHOOLS

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Philadelphia, PA (September 16, 2016) – The National Constitution Center today announced the results of its inaugural 2016 Civic Literacy Contest awarding \$175,000 to three Philadelphia schools. This year's winners include each a charter, public, and private school in the Philadelphia school district.

Winning the first place award of \$100,000 is First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School, with a proposal submitted by teacher Liza Meiris. Constitution High School, with a plan proposed by teacher Carl Ackerman won the second place award of \$50,000. Finally, teachers Stephanie Demko and Brian Kors secured the third place award of \$25,000 for Friends Select School.

The National Constitution Center's Civic Literacy Contest challenged public and independent school teachers in Philadelphia to develop multi-year plans to improve constitutional literacy. The Contest asked teachers and school administrators to develop lesson plans and materials that will incorporate Constitution Center's Interactive Constitution in their classroom and school to enhance student learning.

The Civic Literacy Contest will be held two more times in the next year. Submissions for the next Civic Literacy Awards are now being accepted at constitutioncenter.org/contest.

The Civic Literacy Contest is part of a multi-year, multi-project \$5.5 million grant awarded from the John Templeton Foundation to increase awareness of the rights established by the U.S. Constitution and founding documents. The grant also supports the National Constitution Center's traveling *America's Town Hall* debates and other educational initiatives.

About the National Constitution Center

The [National Constitution Center](http://constitutioncenter.org) in Philadelphia inspires citizenship as the only place where people across America and around the world can come together to learn about, debate, and celebrate the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the U.S. Constitution. A private, nonprofit organization, the Center serves as America's leading platform for constitutional education and debate, fulfilling its Congressional charter "to disseminate information about the U.S. Constitution on a nonpartisan basis." As the **Museum of We the People**, the Center brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages through interactive programs and exhibits. As **America's Town Hall**, the Center brings the leading conservative and liberal thought leaders together to debate the Constitution on all media platforms. As a center for **Civic Education**, the Center delivers the best educational programs and online resources that inspire, excite, and engage citizens about the U.S. Constitution. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.

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