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## NEWS RELEASE

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### WINNERS OF ESSAY CONTEST FROM LITTLETON, GRANBY, CALHAN, WOODLAND PARK

**May 26, 2010 , Denver, CO**— In an effort to educate citizens about the importance of Colorado's cities and towns, the Colorado Municipal League (CML) hosts the annual "If I Were Mayor...." essay contest, sponsored by COLOTRUST. CML received 450 essays from 7<sup>th</sup> graders statewide this year.

This year's honorary contest chairman is Bernie Buescher, Colorado Secretary of State. Says Secretary Buescher, "Although 2008 was a banner year for engaging young voters, only half of Colorado's 18- to 24-year olds actually cast a ballot. We can do better. Keeping young people involved and engaged in civics through efforts such as CML's contest will help familiarize and prepare these future voters to actively participate in their government."

One winner from four geographic regions across the state was selected.

Winners are:

Front Range: Maggie McCandless, Euclid Middle, Littleton  
West: Kate Pierro, East Grand Middle, Granby  
Eastern: Tori Doven, Calhan Middle, Calhan  
South: Abigail Hills, Woodland Park Middle, Woodland Park

Winners will receive a \$500 savings bond and will be recognized at the Elected Officials Luncheon on Friday, June 25 during the CML Annual Conference in Breckenridge.

Judges were:

Sandy Rotella  
Asst. Superintendent/CFO, Adams County School District No. 50 and Board Member for COLOTRUST

A.M. Dominguez J.D.  
Executive, Media, Life Coach, P.O.M. Consultants and Board Member for COLOTRUST

Rebecca Cavanaugh-Miller  
Member, Arts Science Humanities Council, City of Thornton and CML Executive Board Member

Bernie Buescher, Colorado Secretary of State

Winning essays available upon request. Photos of winners receiving awards at the conference will be available upon request after the event in June.

CML is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established in 1923 and represents the interests of 263 cities and towns. For more information on the Colorado Municipal League, please visit [www.cml.org](http://www.cml.org) or call 303-831-6411.

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