

NYSFEA ESSAY CONTEST

This volume of *Educational Change* contains the First Prize essays for the fifth and sixth NYSFEA Essay Contests. The fifth competition was sponsored by Hofstra University and the First Prize was awarded to John Kung, a graduate student at Queens College, for the essay, "Ease On By New York Schools: An Immigrant's Guide On Survival." The Second Prize was awarded to Joan Souza Koster for the essay, "Becoming a Professional: The School Teacher's Dream." Finally, the Third Prize was awarded to Estie Scheiner for the essay, "Learning About Teaching." The contest was coordinated by Sue Books with Eduardo Duarte, David Granger and Anthony Roda as readers.

The sixth contest was sponsored by Siena College and only one prize was awarded, a First Prize to Joyce E. Stotts, a graduate student at Nazareth College, for the essay, "A Fearful Nation's War on Bilingual Education: A Historical And Socio-Political Perspective." The contest was coordinated by Richard Ognibene with the aid of Kenneth Paulli and William Washburn as readers.

At a recent board meeting (Siena, 2003) the NYSFEA has decided to temporarily suspend the essay contest with the hope of revisiting and restructuring it at a later date. The Association is pleased with the results of the six contests it has held and thanks the following institutions for the financial support that made each contest possible:

- 1998 - SUNY Oneonta
- 1999 - SUNY Binghamton
- 2000 - SUNY Geneseo
- 2001 - SUNY Cortland
- 2002 - Hofstra University
- 2003 - Siena College

The Association extends its thanks to all of the participants and of course all of the coordinators and the readers for their time and support.

The First Prize essays for the fifth and sixth contest follow.