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League of Oregon Cities Awards \$500 Bond and Personal Computer to Eugene, Jordan Valley Students

PORTLAND – Students Bailey Kershner of Jordan Valley and Maria Maita-Keppeler, of Eugene were awarded first place for their entries in the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) annual civic awareness poster and essay contests. The awards were presented during the League’s 79th annual conference, held November 4-6 in Portland.

The contest recognizes youth in Oregon communities and their contributions to civic responsibility. The contest was conducted statewide, asking middle school students to submit a poster and high school students to compose an essay. The theme for this year’s contest was “*If I were mayor....*” The League of Oregon Cities believes that today’s youth can be visionaries for Oregon’s future.

Maita-Keppeler, a seventh grader at Eugene’s Kelly Middle School, and Kershner, a sophomore at Jordan Valley High School, received a \$500 savings bond and a personal computer, courtesy of contest sponsor CH2M Hill.

About the League of Oregon Cities

Founded in 1925, the League of Oregon Cities is a voluntary association representing 239 incorporated cities in Oregon. The League helps city governments provide service to citizens through policy setting, legislative service, intergovernmental relations, conferences and training, technical assistance and publications.

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