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Holy Trinity students overall winners in Rotary's essay, speaking contest

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WALLINGFORD — Two students from Holy Trinity School took home the top awards at the Rotary Club's 19th annual Grade 8 Essay and Speaking Contest on Thursday at Dag Hammarskjold Middle School.

Kevin Catapano was the overall winner for the essay contest and Liam Connell was the overall winner for the speaking contest. The information was incorrect in a story on page 5 of Friday's Record-Journal.

The contest is open to all



Connell



Catapano

eight-graders and students can be awarded up to \$1,800. The subject matter of the students' essays ranged from describing the hard work put into becoming a state spelling bee champion to the implications post-holiday sales have on the holiday spirit.

"The whole reason we did this program 19 years ago was

to try to get a lot of participation. That's why we have six kids from each school doing it. I think it's amazing," said Thomas Collette, a Rotarian and the chairman for the event. "The kids write about anything they want and it's a way of them venting. It's exciting to see them do so well."

Catapano and Connell were also the first-place winners from Holy Trinity School for the essay and speaking categories, respectively. Moran's Kairav Maniar won both the essay and speaking categories for his school. Hannah Levesque, of Dag Hammarskjold, won both the essay and speaking categories for her school.

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