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Dear Educator:

We invite you and your students to participate in the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Holocaust Art and Writing Contest, The Courage to Create: Message to the Future.

Enclosed you will find a poster for the event, a DVD we encourage you to share with your students, the writing prompt and background information in a form that can be copied for your students, and a reply card to let us know of your participation in the contest. Each school is invited to submit a total of three entries, consisting of **prose** and/or **poetry** and/or **art**. Winning entries will be selected for both the middle and high school divisions with a first prize of \$500 and a second prize of \$250 in each category.

Again this year, generous supporters have made it possible for us to invite the first prize recipient in each category, the recipient's parent or guardian, and the recipient's teacher, to participate in an expense-paid study trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and other sites in Washington, D.C. from June 23 - 27, 2013.

We encourage you to display the poster in your classroom and to participate in the contest as a class project or as a collaborative effort with other teachers, making the contest a department or a school-wide activity. **To** participate, please:

- Register via reply card or at the art and writing contest website (<a href="www.chapman.edu/holocausteducation/events/schoolregistration.asp">www.chapman.edu/holocausteducation/events/schoolregistration.asp</a>) by October 29, 2012.
- Postmark/send electronically your school's entries beginning December 5, 2012. All submissions must be postmarked no later than February 6, 2013.
- Attend awards ceremony at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 8, 2013. Student school representatives <u>must</u> be in attendance to receive prizes and to be eligible for the study trip to Washington, D.C.

We hope that *The Courage to Create: Message to the Future* becomes a theme in your classroom throughout the year. To begin your participation in this year's contest, we invite you and your classes to attend the **Holocaust Lecture Series**.

For more information, or to reserve seats for your classes, please visit our web site at <a href="https://www.chapman.edu/holocausteducation">www.chapman.edu/holocausteducation</a> or call the Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education at (714) 628-7377. We look forward to working with you on this year's contest.

Sincerely,

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