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**THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE RECOGNIZES  
“A SENIOR I KNOW” ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS**

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – The City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs will host the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual “*A Senior I Know*” Essay Contest Awards & Reception on **Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at 4:30 p.m., at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center (501 Elizabeth SE)**. Anna M. Sanchez, Director of the Department of Senior Affairs, Albuquerque Public Schools representatives, and local business partners will present awards to 30 of our city’s most promising young writers. The winners of the essay contest were asked to write about a senior who has impacted their life. The contest, which commemorates Older Americans Month, is open to all first through fifth grade students throughout the City of Albuquerque. Entries are received from students who attend public, private, and charter schools, as well as those who are home-schooled. Winning essays are evaluated by a committee of volunteer judges on the basis of message, impact, and appropriate skill level. This year, more than 3,100 essays were submitted during the preliminary stages of the evaluation process.

“This is a great example of how we come together as one Albuquerque to celebrate and connect our seniors and young people,” stated Mayor Tim Keller. “I look forward to reading all of the winning essays.”

**Who:** Steve Stucker, Anna M. Sanchez, APS representatives, business partners and students

**What:** “A Senior I Know” Essay Contest Winners

**When:** Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 4:30 pm

**Where:** Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center (501 Elizabeth SE)

The City of Albuquerque’s Department of Senior Affairs provides a wide array of services for citizens in the community. For more information regarding the City of Albuquerque’s Department of Senior Affairs, contact the Information & Assistance Hotline at (505) 764-6400, Monday – Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information about the “*A Senior I Know*” Essay Contest, call Angel Montoya, Multigenerational Center Manager at (505) 764-6475.

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