



# Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Department of Senior Affairs

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## **Department of Senior Affairs Announces & Recognizes “A Senior I Know” Essay Contest Winners**

**ALBUQUERQUE**—The City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs will host the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual “A Senior I Know” Essay Contest Awards & Reception on Thursday, May 7, 2015, at 4:30 p.m., at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center (501 Elizabeth SE). Mayor Richard J. Berry and Albuquerque Public Schools representatives 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 grade through fifth grade students throughout the City of Albuquerque. Entries are received from students who attend public and private 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 2,000 essays were submitted during the preliminary stages of the evaluation process.

Mayor Richard J. Berry said, “This essay contest and event is something that I look forward to each year. The contest is not just an academic exercise but highlights the incredible relationships forged between youth and seniors in our community.”

For more information about the “A Senior I Know” Essay Contest, call Angelina Poulin, Youth Coordinator at (505) 275-8731. To learn more about the array of services offered by the Department of Senior Affairs, call 764-6400.

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