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**ANNOUNCES NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS**

July 5, 2010, San Francisco, CA—The **Chinese American Citizens Alliance (C.A.C.A.) Grand Lodge** announced the 2010 winners of its annual National Essay Contest held across the country. As judged by an independent panel of educators, **Gerry Zhang** of the Los Angeles Lodge was awarded the first place prize of \$1,000, followed by **Evaline Cheng** of the Peninsula Lodge, second place winner of \$750 and **Mandy Zhang** of Portland Lodge, third place winner of \$500.

Thirteen Lodges across the country hosted the 153 high school students in this challenging and competitive contest. Other merit award winners of \$100 each were (listed alphabetically):

Minbo Bai, Salinas	Joleen Chen, Orange County	Peter Feng, Houston
Christopher Fu, Washington DC	Esther Huang, Oakland	Karen Leung, Los Angeles
Kevin Liou, Albuquerque	Brian Qiu, San Francisco	Jason Yang, Gr. San Gabriel Valley
Bobby Zhen, San Antonio		

This year's topic on which students were to write a maximum 500-word essay was:

"The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years.

Results from the previous Census indicated that not all residents participated in the 2000 Census; in fact, many experts examining the results determined that a significant segment of the Chinese population did not comply with the law and chose not to participate in the Census.

What factors do you believe explain this phenomenon? How would you encourage more Chinese to participate in the 2010 Census? What benefits, if any, do you think would accrue to the nation generally, and to the Chinese community in particular, by an increased participation in the Census?"



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*The Grand Lodge has sponsored this contest for more than 20 years to encourage and develop leadership skills of Chinese and Chinese American youth by refining their writing skills in order to demonstrate clear, logical thinking on an issue of current national relevance. (The Contest is open to all high school youth who have an interest in and wish to compose an essay on a relevant topic affecting Asians and Asian Americans.)*

For additional information, please visit the Alliance website at [www.cacanational.org](http://www.cacanational.org).

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The Chinese American Citizens Alliance, established in 1895, is among the oldest civil rights organizations in the United States. Headquartered in San Francisco with chapter/lodges in Albuquerque (NM), Chicago (IL), Greater San Gabriel Valley (CA), Houston (TX), Las Vegas (NV), Los Angeles (CA), Mississippi, Oakland (CA), Orange County (CA), Peninsula (CA), Portland (OR), Phoenix (AZ), Salinas (CA), San Antonio (TX), San Francisco (CA), Tucson (AZ), and Washington, D.C., the Alliance addresses issues regarding voter education, political participation, racial discrimination and hate crimes, youth leadership training programs and equal employment opportunities for all Chinese Americans.