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Dear Valued Educator:

On behalf of the **Pittsburgh Chapter of The links, Incorporated**, I am pleased to announce our **Young Master Writers Program Competition**. This national competition, developed to encourage creative writing excellence among high school students, is open to high school creative writers of poetry and prose. It was developed in recognition of the vital role of writing in our society in an era of shorthand communications facilitated by social media. The YMWP encourages student participation, pride, and achievement in creative writing. It is designed to enhance, promote, share, and display student creative writing talents in published volumes. We have edited four volumes containing poetry and prose culled from nearly one thousand student submissions. Ninety-nine students are now published authors. We look forward to expanding and enhancing our partnerships with schools, libraries, and other non-profit and community organizations through our **Young Master Writers Program**.

The Links, Incorporated consists of more than 16,000 professional women of African descent in 292 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, and the United Kingdom. It is one of the oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining, and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

The YMWP helps us achieve our mission.

Please see the attached program materials for an overview and program requirements. The program is underway now and the **entry deadline is March 1, 2022, at 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time**. Students may submit original and previously unpublished poetry and prose on subjects of their choosing. We do not accept works with profanity or explicit sexual content.

Students should submit their work via email: pghlinksarts@gmail.com. Specify **PITTSBURGH CHAPTER OF THE LINKS** on the online form.

We look forward to working with you as we together "Encourage and Honor" our young writers. Please contact **Dina Clark**, dina1016@yahoo.com for additional questions or information.

Yours truly,

Jamie Rankin

President, Pittsburgh Chapter of the Links Inc.