

It's hard to believe it is February already! It was great to visit with some of you during the Winter Conference. As I mentioned on Saturday afternoon, I am including a couple of documents in this unit mailing. One highlights ways to promote Americanism for the 250th Birthday. The other is a list of books one of the units from another state donated to their local library, as well as books shared by one of our members. I hope you find both of these helpful as you are promoting Americanism in your communities and in your schools. Please let me know what you are doing to promote Americanism so I can share it when I meet via Zoom with the Northwestern Division Americanism Program in April.

Congratulations to Natalia Martinez, Unit 151 Scranton on winning the 2025 Essay Contest at the Northwestern Division! Just a reminder that this year's theme for the Americanism Essay is "Celebrating America's 250th Birthday and the Veterans Who Fought for Our Freedom". More information regarding essay requirements and the 2026 cover sheet is available on the ALA website under Programs/Americanism. You may also contact your local unit president so that you have the correct coversheet. Essays are due to your local unit no later than March 1, 2026, so they can be judged at the local level. Unit winners need to be sent to me no later than March 15, 2026.

Americanism winning essays can also be mailed to me at:

24951 353rd Street NE, Wing, ND 58494-9755.

To promote the 2026 Essay contest some Units have contacted their local school district to obtain support through their English/ Language Arts programs. You may also want to reach out to any of your local home school students to bring their awareness for this opportunity.

Thank you for all you do to support Americanism in your communities!

Arliss Koski, North Dakota Americanism Chairman