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### **AWARDS CEREMONY RECOGNIZES WINNERS OF COLORADO LINCOLN SCHOLASTIC CONTEST**

The statewide awards ceremony for winners of the Colorado Lincoln Bicentennial Scholastic Contest will be held on Saturday, June 20th at Mountain Range High School at 1 p.m.

Sponsored by the state’s Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, created by the Governor to commemorate the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln, the contest invited Colorado students of all ages to imagine Lincoln as their model through essays, creative writing, or visual art. 450 students from across the state submitted entries. The ceremony will recognize 115 finalists and bronze, silver, and gold prize winners, with certificates and cash awards made possible by the Colorado Bar Association and Ethics Game.

The ceremony will feature Lincoln presenter John Voehl, who will convey the sixteenth President’s thoughts on liberty, life-long study, hard work, and decency—subjects explored in the students’ work. Winners and their guests will hear music of the Civil War era, performed on authentic instruments and in full regalia by the celebrated 4th Artillery Regimental Brass Band of Colorado, led by Virgil Hughes.

Coordinated by Mountain Range High School teacher Brooke Tolmachoff and Lincoln Commission member Thorvald Nelson, the contest embodies the Commission’s goal to encourage dialogue about the “unfinished work” of democracy and equal opportunity in our own time, and to bring Lincoln’s ideals into the lives of young people of Colorado.

For photos of Lincoln Presenter John Voehl and the Civil War Band, and for directions to the awards ceremony, see the Colorado Lincoln Bicentennial Commission website, [www.CoLincoln200.org](http://www.CoLincoln200.org).

