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DIRECTIVE:	JOB CORPS INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 03-25
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TO: ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE SENIOR STAFF
ALL JOB CORPS REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL JOB CORPS CENTER DIRECTORS
ALL JOB CORPS CENTER OPERATORS
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FROM: RICHARD C. TRIGG
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Office of Job Corps

SUBJECT: JACS Annual National Essay Contest Winners – Fall 2003

1. Purpose. To announce the 2003 national winners of the JACS Annual National Essay Contest on the theme “*How Job Corps Changed My Life.*” More than 100 centers and 1,500 students participated in this year’s competition.
2. Background. The JACS Annual National Essay Contest was established in 1990. It was designed to promote better writing skills, give recognition to Job Corps’ top writers, and to provide incentive to assist students in passing the essay component of the GED examination. All Job Corps centers are encouraged to participate in the contest, and all currently enrolled Job Corps students are eligible to participate. National and local newspapers, television, and radio personalities, as well as JACS board members, served as judges.
3. Winners. The winners of the JACS 2003 Annual National Essay Contest and their respective centers are listed below:

1st Place (\$1,000)

Ms. Jessica Lola Moomey
Sacramento JCC
Sacramento, CA

2nd Place (\$500)

Ms. Lakeshia Brooks
New Orleans JCC
New Orleans, LA

3rd Place (\$300)

Mr. John Bowen
Pittsburgh JCC
Pittsburgh, PA

Attached are the essays written by the winners. Copies may be freely distributed as each student has consented to share their essay. The national winners will be featured in the upcoming winter issue of the *JACS Volunteer* newsletter.

4. Action. Addressees are to ensure that a copy of this Notice is distributed to appropriate staff.

5. Expiration Date. Until superseded.

6. Inquiries. Questions concerning this Notice should be addressed to Curtis Massey at 202-693-3096, or email to Massey.Curtis@dol.gov; or Ana Gomez at 1-800-522-7773, or email to anagomez@jacsinc.org.

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