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AMANDA GOSLEE SELECTED AS NORTH DORCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL "LAWS OF LIFE" ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

North Dorchester Middle School eighth grader **Amanda Goslee** has been selected as the school's recipient of this year's **Laws of Life Essay Contest**.

Goslee's essay centers around a collection of personal sacrifices she gladly took growing up on her family farm. The responsibility instilled in her by working on the farm has given her far greater life experience than she has ever imagined.

"Having the opportunity to have your work read and published by an organization is a great opportunity for any young person. Amanda has a lot of great ideas and experiences in her toolbox of knowledge," Goslee's language arts teacher **Brian Cook** observed. "Amanda's thirst for knowledge and being such a teachable student allows her to go beyond many other students her age when writing."

The **Laws of Life** essay contest has been involving middle and high school students in Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, and Queen Anne's Counties since 1998. Its purpose, driven by creator **Sir John Templeton** of the **Templeton Foundation**, is to give young people the opportunity to reflect upon their own laws of life. Students are asked to take an in-depth look at what constitutes the ideals and principles which are worthy to live by in their own lives.

"We at North Dorchester Middle School are very proud of Amanda and her accomplishment," **North Dorchester Middle School Principal Vaughn Evans, Sr.** commented. "We continue to increase the rigor in our school on a daily basis and students, like Amanda, have accepted the challenge. Through her language arts classes, Amanda has pushed herself to become successful making writing a top priority which will make her successful as she enters high school in the fall."

Goslee will be presented her award at the Laws of Life Essay Contest Celebration on **Wednesday, March 23** beginning at 6:30 p.m. The presentation will be held at the Cadbury Theater at **Chesapeake College**.