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**EDRC Announces Winners of
2017 Every Body's Beautiful Writing Contest with a Record
Breaking Number of Participants!**

Eating Disorders Resource Center (EDRC) is pleased to announce the student winners of its eighth annual, *Every Body's Beautiful* writing contest. The contest gives middle and high school students the opportunity to address self-love, self-acceptance, and the media's effect on body image. A local high school videography class will make videos of the first-place winning entries. Through this, we are involving more young people in the topic and the creative process, as well as bringing the message into a medium more likely to be widely used and shared by today's youth.

This year we received over **200 student** entries from 35 different middle and high schools. Our esteemed participants shared what beauty means to them and how the media affects their body image. Judges included **Peter Tavernise**, Cisco Foundation; **Munira Nasser Webb**, Cisco; **Allison Bennett**, Peachjar; **Matthew Wilson**, Bay Area News Group; **Louise Persson**, AAUW Strong Girl's Conference; and **Laurie Kelm**, FASS Services.

First, second and third place winners for each category will receive cash prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100, respectively in the next month. **Special thanks to this year's sponsors; Palo Alto Medical Foundation and the Santa Clara County Library District.**

High School Winners:

1st Place: Sean-Yuei Tseng, Grade 12, Piedmont Hills High School

2nd Place: Vivian Le, Grade 12, Piedmont Hills High School

3rd Place: Ayushi Ray, Grade 10, Cupertino High School

Middle School Winners:

1st Place: Carina Chiu, Grade 8, University Preparatory Academy

2nd Place: Elisia Macias, Grade 7, Brownell Middle School

3rd Place: Anonymous, Grade 8, Venture Academy

*"Each time that she looks at herself today, she vows to find something nice to say.
She won't break herself down any longer or make the cruel dragon any stronger.
She's waited too long for a prince to swoop in, not realizing that true love comes from within.
Now, she'll rewrite the fairytales on her shelf so the princess can finally save herself."
- Excerpt from our first place High School Winner, Sean-Yuei Tseng*

ABOUT EDRC - Based in Los Gatos, CA, the mission of EDRC is to raise **awareness** through presentations to physicians, educators and community groups; promote **recovery** by providing resources for treatment and monthly support groups; and **advocate** for eating disorder legislation and effective insurance coverage. More information about the Eating Disorders Resource Center is available by visiting www.edrcsv.org or calling (408) 356-1212.

