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## **EXECUTIVE CLUB OF PRINCETON FAMILY YMCA SPONSORS 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE ESSAY CONTEST**

*Princeton, April 22* – The Executive Club of the Princeton Family YMCA is very pleased to announce its first annual essay contest for eighth-graders that highlights one of the YMCA's **four core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility**.

The winner of the contest will receive a \$500 savings bond and an opportunity to present his or her essay at the Executive Club's upcoming dinner on Thursday, May 21. The savings bonds have been generously donated by the Bank of Princeton.

This year's essay contest focuses on the value of **responsibility**. Eighth-graders are invited to submit a 400 – 600 word essay in response to George Bernard Shaw's quote: *"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can."*

Details are outlined in an Essay Submission Kit available on the organization's website at [www.princetonymca.org/events/executiveclub.html](http://www.princetonymca.org/events/executiveclub.html).

The 2009 dinner will feature guest speaker Juan Williams, a nationally respected news analyst, writer and journalist featured regularly on National Public Radio and Fox News. There will also be two honorable mentions with a \$100 savings bond for each.

The Executive Club was founded in 1961 when local civic, business and community leaders determined that a forum was needed to promote fellowship and encourage financial support for the YMCA. Today, the Executive Club is for anyone who wishes to grow in mind and spirit through education and discourse, and proceeds from the dinner are used to underwrite the YMCA's financial assistance program that ensures programs are available to all who wish to participate.

Essays are due to the Princeton Family YMCA by **Friday, May 1, 2009 by 5:00 PM**. For contest details and submissions, students may visit: <http://www.princetonymca.org> where they can download materials to assist them.

Please contact the Princeton Family YMCA at 609-497-9622 x210 or visit [www.princetonymca.org](http://www.princetonymca.org) for more information.

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