



## The 5th Annual ALI History and Heritage Awards

The Africentric Learning Institute (ALI) is pleased to present the 5th annual ALI Awards. The Awards were inaugurated in 2007 to encourage discussion in our schools and communities about African Nova Scotian history, heritage and culture. The ALI Awards are presented to students whose submissions to the ALI Student Challenges best exemplify the contributions that African Nova Scotians have made to our province and our country. A total of \$3000.00 in cash awards will be presented to award recipients on June 1st, 2012 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Take the Challenge!

Mail your entries today to:

The ALI Student Challenges  
Africentric Learning Institute  
c/o CACE 2021 Brunswick Street  
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2S9

Submissions to the 2012 ALI Student Challenges will be accepted from February 1, 2012 until April 20th, 2012. Please send your submissions as soon as possible to allow for ample consideration. Entries accepted via mail only. Please see 'General Rules' for more details (over).

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## *General Rules*

### **Challenge #1 - Individual or Group Project - Interview an African Nova Scotian Community Elder**

Our community elders have been a catalyst for social change and witnessed many historic events during their lifetime. Interview an African Nova Scotian elder and deliver an edited 3 min video portraying historical life or community events.

### **Challenge #2 - Write a Short Essay about a Notable African Nova Scotian**

Notable Nova Scotians have made important contributions to the political, social and cultural life of our province. Write a short essay about any Notable Nova Scotians describing why you think their achievements are significant. Essays may be between 500 to 1000 words and must include a bibliography.

### **Challenge #3 - Nominate a Notable African Nova Scotian**

Many African Nova Scotians are well known and their contributions noted but others have yet to be recognized for their achievements. Be sure to include your candidate's name, place of birth, accomplishments, awards, etc. and the reasons you think they should be recognized as a Notable Nova Scotian.

### **Challenge #4 - Old Photos**

Pictures can capture an event, person, place or time in detail and they can be studied for historical clues at leisure. Send us an unpublished photo and tell us its importance to African Nova Scotian life or culture it reflects. This can be personal and unique to your own story

### **Challenge #5 - Group or Class Project - Prepare a News Report about Kirk Johnson**

Kirk Johnson is a professional boxer from North Preston and he's a fighter both inside the ring and out. In 2003, Johnson sued the Halifax Police Department for harassment. He claimed that he had been unjustifiably detained 28 times over a period of five years while driving in Halifax! Kirk Johnson won his law suit and was awarded \$10,000.00 plus damages. Submit a 3 min news report about the incident.

### **Challenge #6 - Express Yourself**

People of African descent have helped define popular culture in North America. Africentric influences have helped shape modern music, dance, fashion, art and language. Submit a painting, drawing, song, spoken word performance, poem, short story, dance or other performance that expresses a form of Africentric popular culture. All original entries accepted.

### **Challenge #7 - A New Generation of Champion**

The newest generation of African Nova Scotian athletes continues this tradition by representing their schools and communities with distinction. Nominate someone you know and tell us why.

### **Challenge #8 - Black Settlers- A Day In The Life**

Create an original portrait of someone or some event in African Nova Scotian history.