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## THE WINNERS OF ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY (RCS) INTERNATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, sent congratulatory messages today to three Canadian schools to students who placed high in the awards of the International Essay Competition for 1981-82 conducted by the Royal Commonwealth Society. These included the first prize for the 14 to 16 age group won by Janice Thompson of St Andrew Junior High School, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, joint second prize in the under 14 group by Keith Tetlow of Glenlyon School, Victoria, B.C., and fourth prize in the 16 to 19 age group by Christopher Haqq of Magee Secondary School, Vancouver, B.C. Thanks were also conveyed to the Principals and Staff of these schools for the encouragement provided for their students' participation in this prestigious annual competition which promotes international understanding and awareness of the roles of the Commonwealth and other international institutions.

This competition is open to students of any country in the world and the winning Canadian essayists were selected from among 840 other entries from 34 countries. Some 25 other Canadian entries received commendations from the Board of Examiners appointed by the Royal Commonwealth Society.

The first prize award to Janice Thompson entitles her and one other person to a study tour in another Commonwealth country in the Caribbean.