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“Lights, Camera, Save! Contest” Winners Announced as Ridgewood Savings Bank Celebrates Young Filmmakers' Financial Literacy Efforts

Ridgewood, NY, February 27, 2024 – Ridgewood Savings Bank, a participant in the American Bankers Association's (ABA) "Lights Camera Save!" contest, is proud to announce the winners of its local competition. This innovative program gives teens the chance to create videos that show off their financial smarts and digital skills while promoting financial literacy among high school students through the art of filmmaking. With creativity and ingenuity, the talented young filmmakers created self-made, 30-second videos to showcase their understanding of financial concepts and the importance of saving for their future. The winning students, who also participated in the national contest, were awarded prizes by Ridgewood Savings Bank.



Taking the first-place spot is Justin Jarrett from High School for Public Service in Brooklyn, NY. Justin's insightful film captivated the judges and earned him a MacBook Air. In addition to his individual prize, his school received a \$1,000 grant to support educational initiatives. The winning moment was captured in a photo featuring Cierra Slater, Assistant Manager of the Clinton Hill branch, Justin Jarrett, and Sebrina Tulloch, AVP & Manager of the Whitestone branch.



Securing second place is Zane Mills VanWicklen from Art and Design High School in New York, NY. Zane's creative vision earned him an Apple Watch, and his school was awarded a \$500 grant for submitting the most entries. A snapshot of the celebration features Mr. Pasetky, A.P. of Art & CTE; Mr. Bridenstine, Film Teacher; Zane Mills VanWicklen, Sebrina Tulloch, AVP & Branch Manager, and Mr. Re-Sugiura, Principal.



The third place prize goes to a talented group of eight students from Baldwin High School in Baldwin, NY. Each member of the group received \$25, collectively totaling \$200. The winning team includes Sophia Tephly, Ava McKenzie, Solomon Ruff, Joshua David, Asia Dowe, Ian Chan, Diego Garcia, and Samantha Prongay. Capturing the moment are Lou Ann Mannino, First VP of Branch Operations; Dr. Gabriella Franza, Assistant Director of Instructional Programs; Lyndell Senior, AVP & Branch Manager of Baldwin Branch, and Sebrina Tulloch, AVP & Branch Manager of Whitestone.

"We are immensely proud of all the participants in the Lights, Camera, Save! Contest," said Leonard Stekol, Chairman, President & CEO, at Ridgewood Savings Bank. "Their dedication to

promoting financial literacy in such a creative manner is truly commendable. Congratulations to the winners and a heartfelt thank you to all the students, teachers, and schools that participated. Together, we're empowering the next generation to make informed financial decisions and build a brighter future."

Ridgewood Savings Bank remains committed to supporting initiatives that foster financial education and empowerment within our communities. For more information on financial educational initiatives, please email our [Financial Education Team](#).

About Ridgewood Savings Bank

Founded in 1921, Ridgewood Savings Bank continues to serve the community as a strong and stable mutual savings bank with nearly \$7 billion in assets and 36 branches located throughout the New York metropolitan area. It has been ranked as a 'Best Bank' by Money (2023, 2024), a 'Top Regional Bank' by Bankrate (2022, 2023), a "Best Regional Bank" by Newsweek (2024), and received an 'Honorable Mention' designation by the American Banking Association Foundation Community Commitment Awards in recognition of our work protecting older Americans (2023). Since inception, Ridgewood Savings Bank has remained true to its community bank roots and mission to provide its customers the best possible service and banking experience. As it continues to refine and enhance its services and delivery channels, Ridgewood Savings Bank will continuously strive to be the bank that offers "Time-Honored Values with Modern Solutions."

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