

LIVES CHANGED

By studying the lives of their role models, these young people found new direction for their own lives.



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Each of these students discovered the power of inspiration by choosing to write about an African-American leader they admire. By learning what can be accomplished through courage, perseverance and overcoming injustice, they became determined to achieve greatness in themselves. And through the essays they wrote, they were selected winners in Dominion's 2009 "Strong Men & Women: Excellence in Leadership Series" student writing contest.

For their efforts, each student received a laptop computer and a \$1,000 grant for their school. More importantly, they earned an opportunity to meet and talk with some of the African-American leaders Dominion has been honoring for the past 19 years. By coming together with these distinguished men and women, our student winners have living examples of great things that can be done and great things they can do.

The "Strong Men & Women: Excellence in Leadership Series" is an annual program sponsored by Dominion Resources to honor the contributions of influential African-American leaders. In conjunction with this program, Dominion is helping prepare future leaders by providing student scholarships and grants, as well as resource materials for schools. To learn more about the program, its honorees and available resource materials, visit www.dom.com, keyword "strong."

**Strong Men & Women:
Excellence in Leadership Series**

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS OF LEADERS
FEATURED IN WINNING ESSAYS

1930s

Zora Neale Hurston publishes
her most famous work,
Their Eyes Were Watching God.

*Winning essay by
Catherine Dominic*

1990s

Dr. Maya Angelou becomes the second
poet in history to have the honor of
writing and reciting her work at the
inauguration of a United States president.

*Winning essay by
Zachary Miller*

2000s

Poet Nikki Giovanni is nominated for
Best Spoken Word Album
at the 46th Annual Grammy Awards.

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