

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

1850s

Sojourner Truth delivers her most famous speech, "Ain't I a Woman?" promoting equality and women's rights.

*Winning essays by
Krupa Patel and Grace Segars*

1950s

Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a public bus in Montgomery, Alabama, and rides into history.

*Winning essay by
Risham Tariq*

2000s

Dr. Rosalyn S. Hobson pioneers artificial neural networks as a research tool to accomplish automated speech recognition.

*Winning essay by
Tasha Tucker*

