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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The Italian Heritage and Culture Committee-NY, Inc. and the American Association of Teachers of Italian – *Società Onoraria Italica* are sponsoring an essay contest to encourage high school students to write about their study of the Italian culture and history. The winners (one for each category) will receive a monetary award of \$200 and recognition at a future special function in the fall.

This year's Italian Heritage and Culture Month theme is **THE JOYS OF LEARNING ITALIAN**.

In an essay of approximately 750 words, how do you define “The Joys of Learning Italian? When learning Italian, what is your greatest joy?

Eligibility and Procedures

1. Only students currently attending grades 9-11 are eligible to participate in this contest.
2. Each teacher is to submit the BEST essay from his or her class to Prof. Lucrezia Lindia at societaonorariait@gmail.com in Word document.
3. Each essay must have an attached cover sheet with the following information: a. student's name, b. grade, c. school's name, d. teacher's name, phone number, and e-mail, e. language category (native or non-native speaker, if essay is written in Italian).
4. Please do not include the name of the student on the actual essay paper.
5. In selecting this essay, which is written in English for 9th and 10th graders and in Italian for 11th graders, the judges will consider the following guidelines:
 - a. depth of thought in the quality and presentation of ideas and development of ideas;
 - b. command of vocabulary and sentence structure appropriate for that level and
 - c. list of references in works cited.
6. Deadline for teachers to send in their entries is **Saturday, June 10, 2023**. Essays postmarked after that date cannot be considered.