



2013 GIRL GONE GREAT

Baltimore Teen Wins Contest Sponsored By WomanTalk Live

April 6, 2013 – BALTIMORE – Brooke Burghardt, a senior at Mercy High School in Baltimore has been selected as the winner of the 2013 *Girls Gone Great* scholarship essay contest sponsored by **WomanTalk Live**, a radio program and online community, founded by entrepreneur Ann Quasman.

Quasman says that the inspiration of the *Girls Gone Great* essay contest is focusing attention on the leadership qualities of today's teens and young women – young women who are making a difference.

Girls Gone Great, in its sixth year, is an award program designed to acknowledge the accomplishments and vision of Maryland high school junior and senior women.

“We hear too often that teens lack motivation and are apathetic,” said Quasman. “But in reality, many young women are accomplishing great things and setting the stage for the next generation of leadership. These are the women that we look for in this contest, and we had more than 300 entries this year from around the state.”

Burghardt discovered her passion – putting an end to human trafficking and providing educational opportunities for girls worldwide - after attending a conference for Mercy High Schools from around the nation and Guam. Recently, she attended the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations.

Burghardt wins a \$3,000 scholarship courtesy of Talkradio 680 WCBM, Raskin Global's Women Getting Wise on Wealth and the Baltimore Power Group. The Mt. Washington Tavern will be hosting the celebratory dinner for this year's Girl Gone Great.

“Brooke represents the future not just for women, but for the next class of leadership for our country,” said Ann Quasman, founder of WomanTalk Live, and organizer of the award competition. “She is articulate, thoughtful and mindful of her place in the larger community and how she can improve it.”

“I am pleased to accept this award and look forward to exploring ways that I can make the world better for women and girls,” Burghardt said.



As creator and host of WomanTalk Live, Quasman's mission since 2007, has been to create deeper and more conscious conversations among women both on the radio, in her online community, and in our community.

Quasman is committed to supporting younger women in finding their voice, growing their passion and forwarding their emerging missions to create a better world.

Burghardt will be a guest on WomanTalk Live on April 6. The Baltimore show airs on WCBM AM radio on Saturdays from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

WomanTalk Live stays active in the community by sponsoring women-focused events, sharing insights in the media and, also, by creating top-notch original programs just for women. Girls Gone Great and Conscious Conversations Café are two programs in which WomanTalk Live supports, showcases and engages women of all ages. WomanTalk Live has a single focus: To give women everywhere a bigger voice and a platform for growing, celebrating and living more fully.