

Gilbert students honored for FOI knowledge

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WINSTED — Three Gilbert School students yesterday were rewarded for their knowledge of Freedom of Information laws.

The students received the Freedom of Information Civic Award at ceremonies yesterday at the school. Joy Gentile received first place award of \$50, Tim McCann second and \$25, and Ainslie Linkovitch, third and \$25. The Shafeek Nader Trust for the Community Interest sponsored the event.

The competition was organized by the community lawyer's office. Community Lawyer Charlene LaVole presented information on the federal and state Freedom of Information acts to students of two freshman history classes at The Gilbert School.

Students competed for the awards by participating in a quiz. It included an essay question that asked the students to pretend Connecticut did not have an FOI law and persuade Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. of the need for such a law.

Rose Nader, the mother of the late Shafeek Nader, spoke briefly about the importance of informa-

tion in a democracy before making the presentation of the awards. Shafeek Nader, who died in 1986, was the brother of internationally known consumer advocate Ralph Nader, a Winsted native.

In addition, each winner receive a copy of the book, "Real Power - The Struggle For Influence and Success in The New Hollywood."