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## Pittsburgh Obama Junior Wins Film Contest

By Carolyn Ristau *The Bulletin*

*East Liberty* – The winners of Steeltown Entertainment’s “Take a Shot at Changing the World” contest included Renee Eddy Harvey, a junior at Pittsburgh Obama 6-12. Her film documenting Jonas Salk’s invention of the polio vaccine won in the “Pittsburgh Polio” category for which she received a certificate and prize money.

Steeltown Entertainment is an organization that supports and promotes the film and media industry in Pittsburgh. The contest was open to middle and high school students who were invited to make a film addressing one of four categories: Pittsburgh innovators, how you would change the world, Pittsburgh and polio, or Pittsburgh and the environment.

This was Eddy Harvey’s first film contest. She saw it advertised in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and said she thought “it looked interesting.” While she is involved in her school’s theater productions, this was the first time she made a film. She chose the subject of Jonas Salk because she had heard about Salk, but did not know that he developed a vaccine for polio that was used globally. Making the project was a good learning

experience. “I didn’t know how bad polio was before and how Jonas Salk really impacted the world,” she explained.

The film opens and closes with photo montages of newspaper headlines about polio. The opening sequence announces the outbreak and spread of polio in the United States, while the ending sequence announces the success of Salk’s vaccine. Eddy Harvey chose to use the montages to provide background information for the audience.

In between the montages, Salk’s story is presented in a re-enactment, from the time he arrived at the University of Pittsburgh in 1947 through the successful testing of the vaccine. Eddy Harvey said using a re-enactment allowed her to interpret the facts and imagine how it might have happened. “The hardest part was figuring out how to show his hard work and that people doubted him,” she explained.



ABOVE: A still from Renee Eddy Harvey’s winning film about Jonas Salk.

Eddy Harvey’s family supported her in making this film. Her mother and two brothers acted for the film, and her parents helped with the filming.

When asked how she felt about winning the contest, Eddy Harvey said that she felt accomplished. “I realized I was pretty good at it and I enjoyed it,” she explained. “I might enter more contests or do film for fun.”

To view Eddy Harvey’s film, visit <http://www.takeashotcontest.org/jonas-salk-and-polio-vaccine>. ♦

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