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**Board of Water Supply Announces Poster and Poetry Contest Winners**

*Winning entries will be featured in 2010 water conservation calendar.*

HONOLULU – [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com) – Today, the winners from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply’s (BWS) 31<sup>st</sup> annual Water Conservation Week Poster and 1<sup>st</sup> annual Poetry Contest were recognized at an awards ceremony at the Mission Memorial Auditorium. The awards were presented by Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann and BWS Chairman Randall Chung.

Out of nearly 3,500 poster contest entries received from Oahu students in grades K-6, and more than 200 poetry contest entries received from Oahu students in grades 7-12, a total of 12 winners and 12 honorable mention prizes were awarded in each contest. Winners were selected based on the accuracy of information, originality, creativity, and artistic or poetic ability, based on the student’s age, to convey this year’s contest theme, “Ola I Ka Wai – Water Gives Life.”

“It’s wonderful that so many students took an active role, through these contests, to ensure the long-term sustainability of our island’s water supply,” said Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann. “The caliber of both the posters and poems far surpassed expectations and the students’ work demonstrated a clear understanding of the importance of water and conserving this precious resource.”

“We were overwhelmed by the response to the contests,” said BWS Chairman, Randall Chung. “We received nearly double the amount of poster contest entries this year, compared to last.”

For the poster contest, first-, second- and third-place prizes were awarded in four categories: kindergarten, first to second grade, third to fourth grade, and fifth to sixth grade. For the poetry contest, first-, second- third- and fourth-place prizes were awarded in three categories: seventh to eighth grade, ninth to tenth grade, and eleventh to twelfth grade. The winners from both contests will receive U.S. savings bonds and the first place winners will also get a tour, including transportation, of a BWS facility for their class. The winning artwork and poems will also be featured in the BWS’s 2010 water conservation calendar, which will be available to the public at the end of this year.

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All winning and honorable mention entries will be on exhibit at:

- Honolulu Hale's Lane Gallery from May 4<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>;
- Pearlridge Center Uptown from May 18<sup>th</sup> to May 29<sup>th</sup>;
- Kahala Mall from June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup>; and
- Windward Mall from June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Kapolei Hale from July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup>.

It will also be available on the BWS Website at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).

This year's poster contest judges included Department of Education's education specialist, Alison Ibara-Kawabe; professional artist and the president of the Association of Hawaii Artist, Anthony Randall; and BWS's community relations specialist, Arthur Aiu. Department of Education's educational specialist, Dr. Petra Schatz; author, Eric Paul Shaffer; and BWS's information specialist, Kurt Tsue, judged the poetry contest.

### **2009 Water Conservation Week poster winners:**

#### Kindergarten

- First place: Tani Yoshioka, Hawaii Baptist Academy
- Second place: Lily Hawkins, Lanikai Elementary PCS
- Third place: Steven Redd, Makalapa Elementary

#### First through second grade

- First place: Nai'a Deir, Punahou School
- Second place: Kevin Koa Markell, Kamehameha Schools
- Third place: Alishia Lavarro, Kalihi-Kai Elementary

#### Third through fourth grade

- First place: Leia Takaesu, Mililani Mauka Elementary
- Second place: Andrew Lee, Lanikai Elementary PCS
- Third place: Arianna Chung, Wilson Elementary

#### Fifth through sixth grade

- First place: Ashley Matsushima, Stevenson Middle School
- Second place: Shelby Tominaga, Stevenson Middle School
- Third place: Chylee Tominaga, Stevenson Middle School

The following students received an honorable mention in the poster contest:

- Lyla Gonsalves, Na'au
- Nathaniel Esposito, Lanikai Elementary PCS
- Kodey Shojinaga, Makalapa Elementary
- Tanner Wong, Na'au
- Sarah Nguyen, Waiiau Elementary
- Karlyn Oura, Hawaii Baptist Academy
- Jenna Saito, Mililani Mauka Elementary
- Christian Agullana, Kalihi-Kai Elementary
- Billie-Sade Mason, Makakilo Elementary
- Juanita Charles, Dole Middle School



- Aukai Lileikis, Mid Pacific Institute
- Christian Gutierrez, Mid Pacific Institute

**2009 Water Conservation Week poetry winners:**

Seventh through eighth grade

- First place: Anelalani Haywood, Na'au
- Second place: Kayla Hiura, Kawananakoa Middle School
- Third place: Sean Terada, Kamehameha Middle School
- Fourth place: Luka Naeole, Ke Kula Samuel M. Kamakau LPCS

Ninth through tenth grade

- First place: Derin Young, Na'au
- Second place: Angelica Lao, Moanalua High School
- Third place: Jacie Okamoto, Na'au
- Fourth place: Bolin Chang, Iolani School

Eleventh through twelfth grade

- First place: Diana Thompson, Mililani High School
- Second place: Robert Lau, Na'au
- Third place: Ulana Kalahiki-Anthony, Ke Kula Samuel M. Kamakau LPCS
- Fourth place: Jamie Tenorio, Mililani High School

The following students received an honorable mention in the poetry contest:

- Nalene Bui, Washington Middle School
- Ryan Dias, Kawananakoa Middle School
- Michael Sonson, Na'au
- Kristi Lee, Na'au
- Max Chenevert, Mililani High School
- Michael Chung, Na'au

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