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BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY REVEALS WATER CONSERVATION POSTER AND POETRY CONTEST WINNERS AT SPECIAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Forty-two school children honored for place-winning and honorable mention entries

HONOLULU – The Board of Water Supply (BWS) revealed the winners of its 2015 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contests today at a special awards ceremony at the City and County of Honolulu’s Mission Memorial Auditorium.

“The BWS’s Water Conservation Week program inspires our school children to embrace the important and ongoing lesson that we all must work together to preserve and protect our water supply for now and for the future,” said BWS Chair Duane Miyashiro.

The BWS received more than 1,400 posters and 275 poems in the 37th annual poster and 7th annual poetry contests. 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, “*Water Matters-- Conserve It.*” Winning students were each recognized and presented with awards.

“We appreciate the effort each student put into creating these remarkable works of art and poetry,” said BWS Manager and Chief Engineer Ernest Lau. “The entries reflected a solid understanding of and appreciation for our precious water resources, resulting in impressive artistic expressions of ways we each can conserve it for generations to come.”

Top honors were awarded to 24 Oahu students in different categories from kindergarten to 12th grade, along with 18 honorable mentions. The contests invited Oahu school students in kindergarten through grade 6 to share their thoughts on the important value of water through poster art, and students in grades 7-12 to use poetry to express their views on the same subject.

The winning and honorable mention artwork and poems will be featured in the BWS’s 2016 Water Conservation calendar, which will be printed and made available to the public at the end of the year. The posters and poems will also be posted on the BWS website at www.boardofwatersupply.com to download for free. All winning and honorable mention entries will be on exhibit at:

- Honolulu Hale Lane Gallery from April 29 to May 14;
- Kapolei Hale from May 19 to 28;
- Kahala Mall from June 1 to June 11;
- Windward Mall from June 15 to June 25; and
- BWS Public Service Building Lobby from June 29 to August 14.

This year’s poster contest was judged by professional artist Lisa Uesugi, Hawaii State Department of Education (DOE) Art Resource Teacher Evan Tottori, and BWS Deputy Manager and Chief Engineer Ellen Kitamura. The poetry contest was judged by professional writing consultant

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Mahealani Cypher, DOE Education Specialist Anna Viggiano, and BWS Information Specialist Keoni Mattos.

This year's contests were made possible through the support of Platinum Sponsors Sodexo, the Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden, and Times Supermarket; Gold Sponsors Alexander & Baldwin Foundation, Hawaii Energy, and Hard Rock Café Honolulu; and Silver Sponsors Aloha Pacific Federal Credit Union, Board of Water Supply Federal Credit Union, and Pasha Hawaii.

2015 Water Conservation Week poster contest place winners:

Kindergarten

- 1st Place: Alexander Zuehlsdorf, Makalapa School
- 2nd Place: Gabriel Reyes, Na'au
- 3rd Place: Jayden Vea De Vera, Holomua Elementary

First and Second Grades

- 1st Place: Ella Kawasaki, 2nd Grade, Na'au
- 2nd Place: Lacy Texeira, 2nd Grade, Our Lady of Good Counsel School
- 3rd Place: Sammi Chan, 2nd Grade, Manoa Elementary

Third and Fourth Grades

- 1st Place: Kaiya Ho'opai, 3rd Grade, Na'au
- 2nd Place: Reyn Yamauchi, 4th Grade, Na'au
- 3rd Place: Kylee Murata, 4th Grade, Na'au

Fifth and Sixth Grades

- 1st Place: Matthew Frisbie, 5th Grade, Na'au
- 2nd Place: Jade Tamashiro, 6th Grade, Kapolei Middle
- 3rd Place: Maceybelle Floresca, 6th Grade, Ewa Elementary

2015 Water Conservation Week poetry contest place winners:

Seventh and Eighth Grades

- 1st Place: Sean Aoki, 7th Grade, Kailua Intermediate School
- 2nd Place: Bethany Joy Calaycay, 7th Grade, St. John the Baptist Catholic School
- 3rd Place: Kimberly Yip, 7th Grade, Kaimuki Christian School
- 4th Place: Thatcher Fernandez, 7th Grade, Kailua Intermediate School

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Ninth and Tenth Grades

- 1st Place: Maggie Ching, 9th Grade, Moanalua High School
- 2nd Place: Francheska Manzano, 10th Grade, James Campbell High School
- 3rd Place: Tatum Samson, 10th Grade, James Campbell High School
- 4th Place: Annie Case, 9th Grade, Radford High School

Eleventh and Twelfth Grades

- 1st Place: Christopher Lum, 11th Grade, Na‘au
- 2nd Place: Noah Ragas, 12th Grade, Radford High School
- 3rd Place: Maddison Matthews, 11th Grade, Le Jardin Academy
- 4th Place: Jamaal Tribune, 12th Grade, Radford High School

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Attached photos for your consideration and use, courtesy of the Board of Water Supply:

- 3rd Place Winner, Jayden Vea De Vera pictured with BWS Manager and Chief Engineer Ernest Lau, Teacher Michelle Matias, and Mayor Kirk Caldwell.
- Group photo of 2015 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contest winners and honored guests.
- Poster scans of 2015 Water Conservation Week Poster Contest 1st Place Winners:
 - Alexander Zuehlsdorf, Kindergarten, Makalapa Elementary School
 - Ella Kawasaki, 2nd Grade, Na‘au
 - Kaiya Ho‘opai, 3rd Grade, Na‘au
 - Matthew Frisbie, 5th Grade, Na‘au