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### Contest Shows Student Artists Care About The Air

(Davis, CA) – Two hundred and sixty-four students – the most ever – from throughout the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District submitted original artwork for the 2020 Clean Air Calendar Contest to share why they care about clean air.

Using colored pencils, pens, crayons and paints, students were encouraged to use their talent and imagination to spread awareness about air pollution and inspire others to help protect one of our most valuable resources – clean air.

Twelve pieces of art were selected in a two-part voting process by staff and District’s Board of Directors. Artwork will be used to illustrate the District’s calendar which is given out free to the public at community events throughout the year. The following winners will receive a \$30 Amazon gift card, a Certificate of Achievement and copies of the 2020 calendar:

- Frances Lundy, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade from Waggoner Elementary School in Winters
- Naomi Laos, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade from Our Lady of Grace in West Sacramento
- Samantha Taylor, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade from Our Lady of Grace in West Sacramento
- Joanna Liao, 4<sup>th</sup> grade from North Davis Elementary School in Davis
- Olivia Choi, 4<sup>th</sup> grade from Pioneer Elementary School in Davis
- Sienna Bone, 4<sup>th</sup> grade from Pioneer Elementary School in Davis
- Ella Amirtharajah, 4<sup>th</sup> grade from Pioneer Elementary School in Davis
- Caitlyn Gonzalez, 7<sup>th</sup> grade from Willis Jepson Middle School in Vacaville
- Tselmen Anuurad, 9<sup>th</sup> grade from Harper Jr. High School in Davis
- Cole Dudley, 9<sup>th</sup> grade from Harper Jr. High School in Davis
- Max Schreiber, 9<sup>th</sup> grade from Harper Jr. High School in Davis
- Jason Belleza, 11<sup>th</sup> grade from Esparto High School in Esparto

“We are thrilled with the number of entries we received,” said Executive Director and Air Pollution Control Officer Mat Ehrhardt. “There were so many fantastic pictures it was difficult to choose just twelve.”

The District's 2020 Calendar will be printed later this year and will be available at the District office and at local events. To see all the winning entries, visit: <https://www.ysaqmd.org/about-the-district/news-outreach/>. For more information about the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, including signing up for air quality alerts and the monthly newsletter, visit: [www.ysaqmd.org](http://www.ysaqmd.org). Connect with the District on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/YoloSolanoAir](http://www.facebook.com/YoloSolanoAir) or on Twitter at: [www.twitter.com/YoloSolanoAir](http://www.twitter.com/YoloSolanoAir).

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