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Student Artists Shine in 2025 Clean Air Calendar Art Contest *Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District Announces Winners*

DAVIS, CA – June 5, 2025 – The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District is proud to announce the winners of the 2025 Clean Air Calendar Art Contest. Twelve students earned top honors, and 12 more received honorable mentions for their outstanding artwork illustrating the theme, “Why is Clean Air Important to You?”

“We loved seeing all the wonderful entries this year—it was incredibly difficult to choose the winners,” said Gretchen Bennett, Executive Director of the District. “We added honorable mentions to showcase even more of the amazing talent and creativity we saw. It’s going to be a fantastic calendar.”

This year’s contest received more than 100 submissions from students in kindergarten through seventh grade, representing 19 local schools across Yolo and northeastern Solano counties. The contest invited students who live in or attend school within the District to participate in this annual educational campaign, which promotes awareness about air quality.

District staff reviewed submissions in two grade categories—K through third and fourth through seventh—and selected winning entries to be featured in the 2026 Clean Air Calendar, which will be released this fall. Each winning student will receive a Certificate of Achievement, a gift card, and have their artwork prominently displayed alongside a designated month in the calendar. Students awarded honorable mentions will also receive Certificates of Achievement, and their artwork will be included in a special section of the calendar highlighting outstanding entries.

2025 Contest

Winners

1st Place:

Amara Gandhi – Third grade, Patwin Elementary, Davis

Lucia Martinez – Third grade, Shirley Rominger Intermediate, Winters

Zack Hernandez – Fourth grade, Dixon Montessori Charter School, Dixon

Elizabeth Chen – Seventh grade, Frances Harper Junior High, Davis

2nd Place:

Elena Rodriguez – Second grade, Orchard Elementary, Vacaville

Colette Tremblay – Third grade, Cesar Chavez Elementary, Davis

Yovanni Vargas – Fifth grade, Shirley Rominger Intermediate, Winters

Vom Im – Sixth grade, Robert E. Willett Elementary, Davis

3rd Place:

Cameron Lucero – Second grade, Fred T. Korematsu Elementary, Davis

Elise Hu – Third grade, Birch Lane Elementary, Davis

Emery Corwin – Fifth grade, Fred T. Korematsu Elementary, Davis

Lilah Castleman – Sixth grade, Robert E. Willett Elementary, Davis

Honorable Mentions:

Isaiah Hu – Kindergarten, Birch Lane Elementary, Davis

Abraham Castleman – First grade, Robert E. Willett Elementary School, Davis

Skylar Kiser – First grade, Waggoner Elementary, Winters

Alex Seiler – Second grade, Davis School for Independent Study, Davis

Alexa Alanis – Third grade, Shirley Rominger Intermediate, Winters

Sergio Julian Jimenez Arellano – Third grade, Shirley Rominger Intermediate, Winters

Nola McGinn – Fourth grade, Patwin Elementary, Davis

Addie Lou McLaughlin – Fifth grade, Davis Waldorf School, Davis

Audrey Hu – Fifth grade, Birch Lane Elementary, Davis

Clarissa Uribe – Fifth grade, Shirley Rominger Intermediate, Winters

Nayeli Aguilar – Fifth grade, Shirley Rominger Intermediate, Winters

Sophia Bolivar – Sixth grade, Spring Lake Elementary, Woodland

This contest is one of many ways the Air District engages local communities through education and outreach, helping to raise awareness of air quality and its impact on health and the environment.

The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District's mission is to protect human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution. As a public health agency, the District is responsible for safeguarding air quality and overseeing air pollution control in Yolo and northeastern Solano counties, including the cities of Dixon, Rio Vista, and Vacaville. For more information, visit ysaqmd.org. Connect with the Air District via [Facebook](#), [X](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Nextdoor](#).



Pictured, first place winners:

Top left: Amara Gandhi – Third grade, Patwin Elementary, Davis

Top right: Lucia Martinez – Third grade, Shirley Rominger Intermediate, Winters

Bottom left: Zack Hernandez – Fourth grade, Dixon Montessori Charter School, Dixon

Bottom right: Elizabeth Chen – Seventh grade, Frances Harper Junior High, Davis

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