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Hayward Earth Day poster and writing contest winners recognized by City Council

HAYWARD, Calif., May 3, 2018—The Hayward City Council recognized winners of the 2018 City of Hayward Earth Day Poster and Writing Contest during a special ceremony in the Council chambers last month.

The Earth Day Poster and Writing Contest provides Hayward students with an opportunity to convey through images and describe through words their ideas about water and energy conservation, renewable energy, recycling, composting and related environmental topics.

The posters, poems and essays were judged by members of the Hayward Arts Council, which selected winning entries based on originality, clarity and creative expression of the theme.

This year, there were 266 entries from 15 Hayward schools. One student winners' father mentioned that his family moved to the United States just two years prior. "She didn't know any English, and look at her now," he said, proudly.

The following participants were recognized at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception in the City Hall rotunda:

Kindergarten to 1st Grade Posters

1 st Place	Chloe Mowry, St. Bede Catholic School
2 nd Place	Yaretzi Krystal Aragon Silva, East Avenue Elementary School

2nd to 3rd Grade Posters

1 st Place	Razeen Hafiz, Eden Gardens Elementary School
2 nd Place	Maileija Mendez, Burbank Elementary School

4th to 5th Grade Posters

- 1st Place Katelyn Ramos, St. Bede Catholic School
2nd Place Sa'Rye Fisher, Glassbrook Elementary School

6th to 8th Grade Posters

- 1st Place Malaya Cruz, St. Bede Catholic School
2nd Place Daisy Zepeda, Burbank Elementary School

Kindergarten to 1st Grade Poems/Essays

- 1st Place Heba Jarro, Southgate Elementary School
2nd Place Deon Joiner, Southgate Elementary School

2nd to 3rd Grade Poems/Essays

- 1st Place Kaitlyn Choong, Stonebrae Elementary School
2nd Place Marisa Arrizon Lopez, Eden Gardens Elementary School

4th to 5th Grade Poems/Essays

- 1st Place Prashant Chand, St. Bede Catholic School
2nd Place Ai-Leen Duong, Southgate Elementary School

6th to 8th Grade Poems/Essays

- 1st Place Rowan Campbell, California Crosspoint Academy
2nd Place Ximena Reyes, Burbank Elementary School

9th to 12th Grade Poems/Essays

- 1st Place Alexia Rosales, Tennyson High School
2nd Place Santo Lukito, Mt. Eden High School

Students who submitted winning entries received a certificate of achievement from Mayor Barbara Halliday and a gift card. Teachers of the student winners also received a gift cards. To view images of all the winning entries, please visit: <http://www.hayward-ca.gov/your-environment/get-involved/awards-contests>.



Chloe Mowry, the 1st place winner of the Kindergarten-1st grade poster category, with Mayor Halliday



Deon Joiner, the 2nd place winner of the Kindergarten-1st grade writing category, with Mayor Halliday



Rowan Campbell, the 1st place winner of the 6th – 8th grade poster category, with Mayor Halliday



Razeen Hafiz, the 1st place winner of the 2nd- 3rd grade poster category, with Mayor Halliday



Marisa Arrizon Lopez, the 2nd place winner of the 2nd -3rd grade writing category, with Mayor Halliday