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NEWS RELEASE

Department of Water Supply Announces Winners of 3rd Annual Keiki Water Conservation Poster Contest

The Department of Water Supply (DWS), County of Hawai'i, has selected the top artworks from the nearly 150 posters Hawai'i Island schoolchildren entered in the Department's 3rd Annual Keiki Water Conservation Poster Contest.

Public and private school students attending kindergarten through fifth grade were invited to compete in the free contest promoting the theme "*Do Your Part, Be Water Smart.*" Three DWS judges evaluated the posters based on originality, visual artistry, and depiction of the contest theme.

The DWS thanks all the students and their teachers for showcasing the importance of conserving our island's finite supply of safe drinking water. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the typical in-person award ceremony will not occur this year. Instead, recognitions were mailed to the winners and runners-up. The top posters and other entries can be viewed under the "Community" tab on the Department's website, www.hawaiiidws.org.

Congratulations to the following young artists for their outstanding entries:

Kindergarten:

1st Place: Emma Raras

School: Kea'au Elementary

Teacher: Rachele Laminman

2nd Place: Kili'ohu Kelau

School: Kua O Ka Lā New Century Public Charter School

Teacher: Robbie McGrath

First Grade:

1st Place: Tylee Rapozo

School: Waikoloa Elementary and Middle School

Teacher: Jacqueline Barsetti

2nd Place: No entries received

Second Grade:

1st Place: Meili O'Loughlin

School: Waikoloa Elementary and Middle School

Teacher: Georgianne Lawson

2nd Place: Makana Kauhi

School: Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary

Teacher: Sherrilyn Sampaia

Third Grade:

1st Place: Nevaeh Kaipo

School: Kaūmana Elementary

Teacher: Reyn Ojiri

2nd Place: Lindsey Gomez

School: Waiākea Elementary

Teacher: Paige Nakano

Fourth Grade:

1st Place: Reese Makaimoku

School: Kamehameha Schools Hawai'i

Teacher: Malia Andrus

2nd Place: Callesta Ryan

School: Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School

Teacher: Pua Mendonca

Fifth Grade:

1st Place: Basil Au

School: St. Joseph Elementary

Teacher: Rena Arima

2nd Place: Fresalie Ramos

School: Kea'au Elementary

Teacher: Windy Berrigan-Sanchez

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