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Local Students Honored for Artwork that Promotes Clean Water

Mayor John F. Street will join Water Department and other city officials for an award ceremony honoring 16 young people from kindergarten through 12th grade for their artwork at the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center, 640 Water Works Drive, on Tuesday, April 19 at 4 p.m.

The Clean Water Begins and Ends with You drawing contest shows how Philadelphians can help prevent stormwater runoff pollution. The contest also provided students with a better understanding of how stormwater runoff pollution adversely affects our local waterways.

Award presenters include officials from the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary and the Philadelphia Water Department. Those invited include Philadelphia public, private and parochial school students, teachers and their families.

The drawings of the students receiving first place prizes will be used to promote the stormwater runoff pollution prevention message on SEPTA buses in celebration of the 35th anniversary of Earth Day, April 22, 2005. In addition, the 16 winning students will have their work featured in a special 15-month calendar entitled Clean Water Begins and Ends with You.

Stormwater runoff carries motor oil, fertilizers, pesticides and litter off of the land and into either storm drains or directly to local streams and rivers, which eventually flow to the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers, the sources of Philadelphia's drinking water supply.

Winners were selected in four different categories, according to grade: K to second grade, third to fifth grade, sixth to eighth grade and ninth to twelfth grade.

First place winners receive \$200 savings bonds, second place prizes are \$100 savings bonds, third place prizes are \$75 savings bonds, and honorable mentions receive \$50 savings bonds. All winners will also receive an art supply kit.

The first place winners are Alexandra Malikova, Northeast High School; Troyeshia Long, Maritime Academy Charter School; Manuel Abad, Levering School; and Daiyah Herrera-Brown, Dr. Tanner G. Duckrey Elementary.

Second place winners are Jarrel Jacobs, Martin Luther King High School; Alexandra Gatlin, AMY at James Martin School; Cary Anne Kane, Germantown Friends School; and Quamere Benjamin, James Logan Elementary.

Third place winners are Ainesha Allen, Martin Luther King High School; Jessica Colangelo, AMY at James Martin School; Hannah Baxter, Springside School; and Olivia Rosato, Norwood-Fontbonne Academy.

Honorable mention goes to Gabija Vrubliauskaite, Northeast High School; Manfei Chen, Eliza B. Kirkbride School; Andy Hall, Germantown Friends School; and Alexandra Kuper, Our Mother of Consolation.

The contest is open to all Philadelphia public, private and parochial schools. It is sponsored by the Philadelphia Water Department and the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary.

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