Four local students to be recognized for Water is Life Art Contest

Students from Riverside County schools celebrate water through visual art

Riverside, CA – On Wednesday, Aug. 7, Western Municipal Water District’s Board of Directors recognized four local students during the regularly scheduled board meeting at Western’s headquarters in Riverside, 14205 Meridian Parkway. The students were selected for their artistic representation of the importance of water in Western’s annual Water is Life Art Contest.

This year’s winners from the elementary school category are Iris Hyon (artwork pictured), Roxy Marie Taylor, and Erik Chen. One middle school student winner was selected, Magnolia Hyon.

“Western believes in the importance of youth and their contributions to the future of the environment,” said Western’s General Manager Craig Miller. “The Water is Life Art Contest provides students the opportunity to creatively express messages about our water resources, and the vital role that water plays in our lives.

Community judges and water education representatives scored the entries on having a clear water is life message, neatness, creativity and originality. In addition to receiving a Barnes and Noble gift card, Western’s student art winners will move on to a regional art contest hosted by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the wholesale agency from which Western receives a portion of its water. Artwork will be judged against other students from across Southern California. Winners of the regional competition will be included in the 2020 Water is Life calendar, as well as be recognized at a celebratory reception in Los Angeles.

“We are always amazed at the talent of our local students and their ability to communicate the importance of water through art. We look forward to seeing them shine at the regional level,” said Miller.

Western hosts the Water is Life Art Contest each year for students from participating schools in grades 4 through 12. Student submissions must share a visual message about water. For a list of eligible schools for next year’s competition or to learn more about Western’s education programs, visit wmwd.com.
2019 WINNERS

First Place
Magnolia Hyon
8th grade
Amelia Earhart Middle
Riverside Unified School District

First Place
Iris Hyon
6th grade
John F. Kennedy Elementary
Riverside Unified School District

Second Place
Roxy Marie Taylor
4th grade
Murrieta Elementary
Murrieta Valley Unified
School District

Third Place
Erik Chen
4th grade
John F. Kennedy Elementary
Riverside Unified School District

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