CARSON, Calif. – West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) announced the winners of its 2021 Water is Life student art contest. Local student artists created inspiring artwork that encourage others to conserve and use water more efficiently, especially important as California is facing drought conditions.

“We commend all of the students who participated in the Water is Life contest during this challenging school year,” said West Basin Board President Harold C. Williams, P.E., MSCE. “This program reinforces the importance of learning about water conservation at a young age. Student artists continue to inspire us through the creative art submissions we received this year.”

Nearly 450 entries were received from students throughout the West Basin service area, with one grand prize winner and four honorable mentions being selected in each of the elementary, middle and high school categories. The award winning student artwork can be viewed online: https://www.westbasin.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-Water-is-Life-Student-Art-Contest-Winners.pdf

2021 GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

Elementary School Grand Prize Winner:
Steven Romero, 4th Grade, Towne Ave. Elementary School, Carson

Middle School Grand Prize Winner:
Madisson Torres, 7th Grade, El Segundo Middle School, El Segundo

High School Grand Prize Winner:
Laeci Callahan, 11th Grade, Leuzinger High School, Lawndale

Honorable Mention Award Winners

- Isabella Hernandez, 5th Grade, Centinela Elementary School, Inglewood
- Yumie Lee, 5th Grade, Birney Elementary School, Redondo Beach
- Landon Ahn, 3rd Grade, Center St. Elementary School, El Segundo
- Emma Alversado, 4th Grade, 156th St. Elementary School, Gardena
- Avery Ertman, 8th Grade, Chadwick School / Alyce’s Art Studio, Palos Verdes
- Megan Apolonio, 7th Grade, La Tijera K-8 Academy of Excellence Charter School, Inglewood
- Anthony Padnos, 8th Grade, Manhattan Beach Middle School, Manhattan Beach
- Victor Nava, 6th Grade, Will Rodgers Middle School, Lawndale
- Lauren Jung, 9th Grade, Palos Verdes Peninsula High / Seoul Arts Academy, Rolling Hills Estates
- Rebecca Melendez, 12th Grade, Lennox Mathematics, Science & Technology Academy, Inglewood
- Christian Pasos, 10th Grade, West High School, Torrance
- Sierra Nimnual, 11th Grade, Culver City High School, Culver City
Each winner is awarded a new Apple iPad, with Grand Prize winners additionally receiving a digital stylus pen and $25 Apple Store gift card.

West Basin hosts the annual Water is Life contest to encourage third through 12th grade students to showcase their artistic creativity through the depiction of responsible water use in their homes, schools, and communities.

The contest is a collaborative water education program between West Basin and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan). Winning artwork from West Basin’s local contest will advance to Metropolitan’s regional competition and may be featured in the agency’s 2022 calendar.

For more information about the Water is Life Student Art Contest and the full list of awardees and artwork, please visit www.westbasin.org/waterislife.

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West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) is a wholesale water agency that serves nearly one million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County. West Basin provides imported drinking water, recycled water, and conservation and education programs. Through its Water for Tomorrow Program, West Basin is committed to protecting, diversifying, and securing our water supply for the future while continuing a history of innovation and industry leadership. Visit www.westbasin.org to learn more.