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VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT ANNOUNCES STUDENT CONTEST WINNERS

High school seniors awarded scholarships and fourth-grade students receive water awareness poster contest awards.

Vista, CA—

Vista Irrigation District has awarded college scholarships to eight high school seniors and selected three fourth-grade students from the local community as winners of two separate district-sponsored contests.

Kulpreet Chhoker from Mission Vista High School, Kylie Konyn from St. Joseph Academy, and Delanee Haskins from North County Trade Tech High School each received \$2,000 as winners of the Vista Irrigation District 2021 scholarship contest. Izak Bunda from Guajome Park Academy, Anthony Jones and Malia Leonard from Rancho Buena Vista High School, and Colby Rafail and Juan Ramirez from Vista High School each received \$500 as runners-up in the scholarship contest.

Emaline Kennedy, a fourth grade student from Grapevine Elementary, received first place honors from the district for her entry in the 2021 Water Awareness Poster Contest. She received a \$100 award. Paul Gomez from Empresa Elementary received a second place award of \$50 and Matthew Potter from Alamosa Park Elementary received a third place award of \$25 for their entries in the contest.

The purpose of the scholarship contest, which is open to high school seniors living or attending school within the district's service area, is to increase the knowledge and awareness of water related issues impacting Vista Irrigation District. The district received eight applications this year.

The poster contest, which targets students in the fourth-grade, is designed to promote understanding of water issues in elementary schools. This year's theme was "Love Water, Save Water." The three winning posters were selected from 249 entries based upon their depiction of the theme, artwork, originality, and poster design. Emaline's poster will appear in the 2022 Water Awareness Calendar, which will be available free of charge at the district's office in November 2021.

Vista Irrigation District is a public agency governed by an elected five-member board. The district provides water service to roughly 135,000 people in the city of Vista, and portions of San Marcos, Escondido, Oceanside, and unincorporated areas of the county of San Diego.

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