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VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT ANNOUNCES STUDENT CONTEST WINNERS

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

Vista, CA—

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

Scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 were awarded to Hailey Ahmed, Natalie Krahmer, Andrew Lee and Nathan Sleeper from Rancho Buena Vista High School, Nayleen Griffith from Vista High School, and Christopher Rayo from Mission Vista High School as winners in the Vista Irrigation District 2025 scholarship contest.

Cosette Kennedy, a fourth-grade student from Grapevine Elementary School, received first place honors from the district for her entry in the 2025 Water Awareness Poster Contest; she received a \$100 award. Brylee Burton-Arner from Lake Elementary School and Presley Regan of Alamosa Park Elementary School received second (\$50) and third (\$25) place awards, respectively, 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 affecting the district. 22 high school seniors submitted applications this year.

The poster contest, which targets students in the fourth grade, is designed to promote an understanding of water issues in elementary schools. This year's theme was "Love Water, Save Water." The three winning posters were selected from 230 entries based upon their depiction of the theme, artwork, originality, and poster design. All three winners' artwork will appear in the 2026 Water Awareness Calendar, which will be available, free of charge, at the district's office in November 2025.

Vista Irrigation District is a public agency governed by an elected five-member board. The district provides water service to roughly 132,000 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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