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VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT ANNOUNCES STUDENT CONTEST WINNERS

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

Vista, CA—

The Vista Irrigation District (VID) has presented awards to three high school seniors and three fourth-grade students from the local community as winners of two separate district-sponsored contests. The District's Board of Directors presented the awards to the recipients at its May 11, 2016 Board meeting.

Nicholas Smith, from Tri-City Christian School, received first place honors from VID for his entry in the district's 2015 scholarship contest. He was presented a \$1,500 scholarship award. Marcy Faison from North County Trade Tech High School and Randy Robbins from Rancho Buena Vista High School were awarded \$750 scholarships as runners-up in the contest.

Lanea Rico, a fourth-grade student from Mission Meadows Elementary School, received first place honors from the district for her entry in the 2016 Water Awareness Poster Contest. She received a \$100 award. Rebecca Gutierrez from Tri-City Christian School received a second place award of \$50 and Ariana Barragan from Joli Ann Leichtag Elementary School 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 the Vista Irrigation District. The district received six 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 "Be Water Smart." The three winning posters were selected from 262 entries based on their depiction of the theme, artwork, originality, and poster design. Lanea's poster will appear in the 2017 Water Awareness Calendar that will be available free of charge at the district's office in November 2016.

The Vista Irrigation District is a public agency governed by an elected five-member board. The district provides water service to more than 127,000 people in the city of Vista, and portions of San Marcos, Escondido, Oceanside, and unincorporated areas of San Diego County.

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