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Clean and Green Poster Contest Winners

Lake County's Solid Waste District is pleased to announce the winners of their annual Clean and Green Logo Contest. Area students were encouraged to design a logo showcasing the theme "Clean and Green Lake County" which promotes recycling and anti-littering education. The Lake County Solid Waste District oversees the Landfill and Recycling Center in Painesville Township.

Julia Franz, a fourth-grade student at South Elementary School in the Madison Local School District, won the elementary division and the overall prize for her design entry themed, "Keep Lake County Clean & Green." As the top winner, Julia's design will be displayed in the Lake County Commissioner's area in the County Administration Building located in downtown Painesville. Additionally, her design will be used for marketing materials for the Solid Waste District and the Utilities Department.

Other winners were Middle School Division Winner, Jessica Gajendran from Willoughby Middle School and High School Division Winner, Erin Panchula from North High School.

Elementary School Division Honorable Mentions listed in alphabetically order:

- Sadie Beers – Kirtland Elementary
- Reagan Boergert – Melridge Elementary
- Savannah Brown – Melridge Elementary
- Bridget Hever – St. Mary of the Assumption;

Middle School Division Honorable Mentions listed in alphabetically order:

- Kiera DiFranco – Willoughby-Eastlake School of Innovation
- Lucija Dugonjic - Willoughby-Eastlake School of Innovation
- Callista Guldager – Willoughby Middle School
- Mallory Spies – Willoughby Middle School

High School Division Honorable Mentions listed in alphabetically order:

- Kelsey Bitner – North High School
- Lenny Catri – Harding High School
- Maiya Didomenico – Lake Catholic High School
- Alexandra Newnes – Lake Catholic High School

Thank you to all 836 student artists who submitted entries from nine elementary schools, two middle schools, and six local high schools.

“I want to personally thank all the participants of the Clean & Green Poster Contest. It’s so refreshing to see all the talented children across Lake County showcase their artistic abilities towards such important and worthy topics as recycling and anti-littering,” said Lake County Commissioner President John R. Hamercheck.

“It was an honor to help in judging such diverse and creative submissions this year,” said Commissioner John Plecnik. “Congratulations to the winners and all 836 student artists on a job well done!”

Each of the division winners will be honored during the Lake County Board of Commissioners meeting on April 29th at 10 a.m. and will be given a prize of art supplies to continue their passion of design. Each division winner’s school district will receive a framed poster to be displayed as recognition of their outstanding accomplishment.

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See below for entries of each division winner

2021 Clean and Green Lake County Logo Contest Winners

Overall Winner



Julia Franz
Grade 4
South Elementary School

Middle School Division Winner



Jessica Gajendran
Grade 8
Willoughby Middle School

High School Division Winner



Erin Panchula
Grade 12
North High School