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### 2024 Clean and Green Lake County Logo Contest Winners

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, April 18, 2024— Lake County’s Solid Waste District and the Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce the winners of their annual Clean and Green Art Contest. Area students were encouraged to design an original art piece 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.

Natalia Pérez Soto, a sixth-grade student at Harding Middle School in the Fairport Harbor District, won the middle school division and the overall prize for her design entry themed, “Keep Lake County Clean.” As the top winner, Natalia’s design will be displayed in the Lake County Commissioner’s chambers 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.



*From the left: Commissioner John R. Hamercheck, Braylon Reglus, Commissioner John T. Plecnik, Natalia Pérez Soto, Ella Raddell, and Commissioner Richard J. Regovich.*

“It was an honor to congratulate our overall winner, Natalia Pérez Soto, on her original conception of the ongoing work to preserve the natural beauty of Lake County. Natalia’s artwork will hang in the Commissioner’s Chambers for one year as a reminder of our shared commitment to protecting the future,” said Commission President John T. Plecnik.

“Thank you to all 466 student artists who submitted entries to the Clean and Green Art Contest, each piece displayed incredible talent, and we encourage each of you continue to showcase what it means to be Clean and Green in Lake County,” said Commissioner John R. Hamercheck.

“Of all the decisions we have to make up here, this one was difficult. When you saw the caliber of all the artwork we had to look at, the skill levels were impressive. Congratulations to our winners and thank you for making Lake County Clean and Green,” said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich.

Other winners were Elementary School Division Winner, Braylon Reglus, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, McKinley elementary in Fairport Harbor, and High School Division Winner Ella Raddell, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, Lake Catholic High School.

Honorable Mention Elementary Division: Selin Bayraktar – Andrews Osborne Academy; Emily Benki – W/E School of Innovation; Skylee Gillard – Wickliffe Lower School; Jareny Reyes – Elm Street Elementary

Honorable Mention Middle School Division: Kolton Drouillard – Willoughby Middle School; Gio O’dell – Eastlake Middle School; Kailey Presley – Harding High School; Stevie Rose – Madison Middle School

Honorable Mention High School Division: Simon Dillon – South High School; Adriana Konjevic – North High School; Kylee Neeld – North High School; Ava Passerell – Lake Catholic High School

Thank you to all 446 student artists who submitted entries from 7 elementary schools, 6 middle schools, and 5 local high schools.

Each of the division winners were honored during the Lake County Board of Commissioners meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. and were given a prize to continue their passion for design. Each division’s winner’s school district will receive a framed poster to be displayed in recognition of their outstanding accomplishment.

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See below for entries of each division winner!

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### Overall Winner



**Natalia Pérez Soto**

**Grade 6**

**Harding Middle School**

High School Division Winner



**Ella Raddell**  
**Grade 9**  
**Lake Catholic High School**

Elementary School Division Winner



**Braylon Reglus**  
**Grade 4**  
**McKinley Elementary School**