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### **Winners of Water-Themed Art Contest Announced**

WINONA LAKE, Ind. – The Center for Lakes & Streams at Grace College announced the winners of the 2014 Wonderful Water Student Art Contest this week.

Each April, fourth through twelfth grade students from the school districts of Kosciusko County are invited to submit their depiction of local waterways. Artists with winning entries receive cash prizes and the privilege of having their artwork on display in the community and featured in a calendar.

Artwork was judged on creativity, artistic merit, compatibility of any wildlife with its habitat and depiction of the theme. Judging was conducted by the Grace College Art Department, including students Becka Lukens, Schylar Miller, Brittany Salazar, Scott Schloss, Bryanna VanNostran and Elisa Yonge.

The contest included four categories: 4-5, 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12 grades with cash prizes given in each category.

With almost 600 pieces of art submitted, participation was nearly double previous years.

A special award presentation for the winners will take place on June 14 at the Northern Indiana Lakes Festival. For more information on the Lakes Festival, go to [www.lakesfestival.org](http://www.lakesfestival.org).

Community members will have several opportunities to view the winning selections. The artwork will be displayed in Mt. Memorial Hall at Grace College until May 6 and then again in the lobby of the Warsaw City Office from May 15 to June 9.

The art contest is made possible through sponsorships from the City of Warsaw, Farmers State Bank, Hand Family Foundation, Kay Young-Todd Realty, Kosciusko Community Hospital, Lake City Bank, Lake Tippecanoe Property Owners, Louis Dreyfus Commodities, Medtronic, MutualBank, Northern Gases and Supplies, Silveus Insurance Group, The Papers and Tippecanoe Watershed Foundation.

This year's winners are:

#### **4th – 5th Grades**

1st – Ellen Kreider, 4th grade – Home School “Winona Sunset”

2nd – Micah Colbert, 5th grade – Home School “Wonders of the Lake”

3rd – Serena Lesko, 4th grade – Home School “Taking a ‘Gander’ At Winona Lake

Honorable Mention:

Andrea Mickey, 5th grade – Madison Elementary “Sunrise Morn”  
Wrigley Crabtree, 4th grade – Lincoln Elementary “Ducks Afloat”  
Olivia Miller, 5th grade – Claypool Elementary “Sunset!”  
Gloria Keller, 5th grade – Madison Elementary “Lake Sunset”  
Nate Lechlitrer, 5th grade – Eisenhower Elementary “Lunch”  
Cesar Montellar, 5th grade – Claypool Elementary “Infinity Lake”  
Hannah Hopkins, 5th grade – Washington STEM Academy “Something’s Fishy”

### **6th – 8th Grades**

1st – Audrey Hansen, 8th grade – Edgewood Middle School “A Splash-tastic Day”  
2nd – Kerigan Hatfield, 8th grade – Edgewood Middle School “Fisha Fisha”  
3rd – Carter Williams, 6th grade – Eisenhower Elementary “Big Fish”

Honorable Mention:

Logan Harter, 6th grade – Wawasee Middle School “Life’s an Adventure on a Sailboat”  
Harper Dungan, 7th grade – Edgewood Middle School “A Splash of Red”  
Abigail Still, 6th grade – Madison Elementary “Refusing Rivers”  
Hanna Bloemendaal, 6th grade – Jefferson Elementary “Sunrise Over the Lake”  
Abby Seese, 6th grade – Jefferson Elementary “Winona Lake Pleasantries”  
Diego Niebbia, 6th grade – Lincoln Elementary “The Big Catch”  
Grant Knight, 6th grade – Washington STEM Academy “The Woodland River”  
Carter Hite, 6th grade – Wawasee Middle School “Fishy”

### **9th-10th Grades**

1st – Shelby Martin, 10th grade – Whitko High School “Fetch”  
2nd – Sydney Lancaster, 10th grade – Whitko High School “A Day at the Lake”  
3rd – Maddy Foote, 9th grade – Whitko High School “The Lake of the Imagination”

Honorable Mention:

Kelsie Arnold, 10th grade – Whitko High School “Sunset Avenue”  
Avaree Freel, 10th grade – Whitko High School “Castles in the Sand”  
Danielle Glunt, 10th grade – Whitko High School “Down by the River”  
Casey Dierks, 10th grade – Whitko High School “World of the Bluegill”

### **11th – 12th Grades**

1st – Zach Olinske, 12th grade – Whitko High School “I Got a Bite”  
2nd – Dylan Cumberland, 12th grade – Whitko High School “Reflections Upon the Drift”  
3rd – Alyson Nicodemus, 11th grade – Whitko High School “The Fishin’ Hole”

Honorable Mention:

Valerie De La Rosa, 12th grade – Tippecanoe Valley High School “Swimming Under the Sea”  
Nathan Gross, 11th grade – Lakeland Christian Academy “Solitude on the Lake”  
Reghan Craig, 11th grade – Whitko High School “Life is Better at the Lake”  
Taylor Pagan, 11th grade – Whitko High School “A Day at the Lake”  
Alicia Baxter, 11th grade – Whitko High School “Rosie Reflection”  
Nicole Mikel, 11th grade – Tippecanoe Valley High School “Mid-day Drink”

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