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28 Students Featured in Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams Art Contest

WINONA LAKE, IND. – The Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams is pleased to announce 28 winners and honorable mentions in its 11th-annual art contest. Altogether, 254 young people contributed artwork, ranging from fourth-to-12th grade and spanning almost every school district across Kosciusko County.

The 2018-19 contest theme was Lake and Stream Habitats. The students' work creatively displayed a large variety of perspectives, artistic mediums and subjects. Some students used watercolor, others used pencil or acrylic paint.

The pieces were first placed in categories by age group. The six or seven highest-ranking pieces from each category were then taken to the art department at Grace College. There, the professors and students chose a winner and the runners-up for each age group. These will then be published in a calendar for the 2020.

Winning pieces from the 2018-19 contest will be available for viewing at Latte Lounge in downtown Warsaw from April 24-May 3; Mutual Bank in Warsaw and Syracuse from May 6-10; at the Lilly Center in the Dr. Dane A. Miller Science Complex from May 13-22; and at the Lakes Festival, May 24-26. Select pieces will also be displayed in the Warsaw Alley, located in downtown Warsaw, for the month of May.

The art contest is one of four Lilly Center programs that focus on K-12 education. The others include Lake Adventure Day, a two-day field trip to a local lake, and Classroom Lake Experience, a program that brings aquariums of fish to classrooms for the duration

of a school year. The Lilly Center also offers an Aquatic Petting Zoo, a fun and interactive program that allows students to directly interact with native underwater animals.

The 2018-19 contest was sponsored by City of Warsaw Stormwater Utility, Clearwater Car Wash, The Dekko Foundation, Didage/Surgical Power, Lilly Center, Kay Young – Todd Realty, Kosciusko Community Hospital, Medtronic, Inc., MutualBank, The Papers, Inc., The Watershed Foundation, and Zimmer Biomet.

If you are interested in sponsoring the art contest, or any Lilly Center education program, visit lakes.grace.edu or email lakes@grace.edu.

Photo 1: Story Untold by Hayley Laws, a ninth-grader at Whitko High School.

Photo 2: A Peaceful Sunrise by Zander Bail, a fourth-grader at Warsaw Christian High School.

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The Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams at Grace College conducts research, provides resources, engages and educates residents, and collaborates with local organizations to make the lakes and streams of Kosciusko County clean, healthy, safe and beautiful. To date, the Lilly Center has conducted scientific research on over 30 streams and 40 lakes. The Lilly Center is driven to create a legacy of stewardship by equipping community members, visitors and future generations to understand and enjoy the county's natural beauty. For more information, visit <u>lakes.grace.edu</u>.