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Poster Contest Winner Recognized in Regional Competition

MONTCLAIR, CA Cristian Martinez, eighth grader at Lyle Briggs Fundamental School was honored on Dec. 7 for his award-winning art poster by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, sponsor of the annual “Water is Life” student art contest. His poster was among 36 selected for recognition out of several hundred entries, representing artwork from grades Kindergarten through 12, submitted by water agencies in MWD’s six-county service area.

Martinez’s poster received a third place award in the Grades 7-12 division for Monte Vista’s local poster contest. The district then sent 12 winning posters to MWD for judging in the regional contest.

“We are incredibly proud of Cristian for his winning artwork,” said Board Vice President Phillip Erwin. “His creative expression of the importance of water made an impression on the district’s judging committee, so it is wonderful to see him recognized at the regional level.”

The 36 award-winning posters are featured in a 2018 calendar published by MWD and were unveiled at a special ceremony at the agency’s headquarters in Los Angeles.

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At the awards ceremony, the student artists were recognized for depicting conservation concepts through art. Students, family members, teachers, principals and water agency representatives viewed a display of the framed posters and attended a ceremony where each student received an award certificate and a tote bag full of calendars. The art exhibit will be on display at MWD’s headquarters until early January, after which it will begin a six-month tour at various water agencies.



Cristian Martinez displaying his award-winning “Water is Life” art poster with Assistant Principal Monica Hyland and teachers Danielle Weinstein and Danielle Encarnacion.