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**Winners Announced in 2022 Adopt-a-Highway Art Contest**

*Over 300 students entered annual contest*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 1, 2022)** – Gov. Andy Beshear today announced that students from five Kentucky counties earned first place in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s (KYTC) 2022 Adopt-a-Highway Art Contest, in which young Kentuckians play an active role in promoting a clean environment.

The first-place winners and other top finishers represent a home-schooled student in Boyle County, North Jackson Elementary in Barren County, Grant’s Lick Elementary in Campbell County, St. Joseph School in Nelson County, Camp Ernst Middle School in Boone County, Noe Middle School in Jefferson County, Washington County High School, Glasgow High School in Barren County, Powell County High School and St. Henry District High School in Kenton County.

“One way we make a Better Kentucky is to make a cleaner Kentucky,” Gov. Beshear said. “These students have done great work in using their creativity to remind us all how to be good neighbors by keeping our neighborhoods, parks, and highways clean. I’m proud that our youngest citizens are taking action to promote a cleaner Kentucky.”

This year, there were over 300 entries across the state, with participants ranging in age from 5 to 17.

“Congratulations to all the top finishers in the 2022 Adopt-a-Highway Art Contest,” said Kentucky Transportation Secretary Jim Gray. “They not only have produced some impressive artwork. They also have done a public service by promoting the message that a ‘Litter free Kentucky’ and cleaner highways is a responsibility we all share.”

The top finishers in each of four age divisions will receive a \$100 gift card, while second- and third-place finishers will each receive a \$50 gift card. First- through third-place recipients for all age groups will have their pieces framed and displayed at the Transportation Cabinet Office Building in Frankfort.

The 2021-2022 contest winners are:

**5-8 age category**

1st place            Adrianna Baca            Home School, Boyle County

2nd place	Blakely Mosier	North Jackson Elementary, Barren County
3rd place	Olivia Melton	Grant's Lick Elementary, Campbell County

**9-11 age category**

1st place	Diana Delgado	St. Joseph School, Nelson County
2nd place	Josslyn Heringer	Camp Ernst Middle School, Boone County
2nd place	Camren Tolliver	Camp Ernst Middle School, Boone County
3rd place	Christina Palumbo	St. Joseph School, Nelson County
3rd place	Sylvia Mason	Noe Middle School, Jefferson County

**12-14 age category**

1st place	Olivia Flener	Camp Ernst Middle School, Boone County
2nd place	Jesse McClain	Washington County High School
3rd place	Samantha Mahung	Glasgow High School, Barren County

**15-18 age category**

1st place	Katie Neal	Powell County High School
1st place	Victoria Johnson	Washington County High School
2nd place	Wynnie Serra	St. Henry District Highschool, Kenton County
3rd place	Jazmin Hernandez	Washington County High School

The Adopt-a-Highway program is a statewide volunteer effort to reduce roadside litter and keep Kentucky's highways beautiful. Litter-free roads promote a clean environment, foster civic pride, and save taxpayer dollars. More information on Kentucky's Adopt-a-Highway program can be found at <https://transportation.ky.gov/AdoptaHighway/Pages/default.aspx>.

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Editor's note: Scans of winning artwork are available to local media upon request.

