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**Winners Announced in Fall 2022 Adopt-A-Highway Art Contest**  
*Nearly 300 students entered annual contest*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Jan. 11, 2023)** – Gov. Andy Beshear today announced that students from seven Kentucky counties were top finishers 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.

As a group, the students represented 10 schools and one home school. Their works of art were selected from nearly 300 entries from across Kentucky. Participants ranged in age from 5 to 18.

“A cleaner Kentucky is a Better Kentucky,” Gov. Beshear said. “In the same way, clean communities are strong communities. These students are to be commended for putting their talents to work to remind us all of the importance of keeping clean the roadways that connect our communities. I’m proud that our youngest citizens are taking action to promote a cleaner Kentucky.”

Kentucky Transportation Secretary Jim Gray also offered congratulations to all the contest participants. “These students have set an example for us all,” Secretary Gray said. “They have performed 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 displayed at the Transportation Cabinet Office Building in Frankfort.

The 2022 contest winners are:

**5-8 age category**

1st place	Landon Bartley	Washington County Elementary School
2nd place	Ryder Whitaker	Warner Elementary, Jessamine County
3rd place	Om Kho Dui	Auburndale Elementary, Jefferson County

**9-11 age category**

1st place	Carly Harlow	Metcalfe Middle School
2nd place	Kloe Murray	Dixie Elementary, Jefferson County
3rd place	Natalie Leake	Foster Heights Elementary, Nelson County

**12-14 age category**

1st place	Annabelle Dore	John Hardin High, Hardin County
2nd place	Destinee Miller	Hopkinsville Middle, Christian County
3rd place	Sylvia Mason	Noe Middle School, Jefferson County

**15-18 age category**

1st place	Evan Paige	Christian County High School
2nd place	Ashley French	French Homeschool, Jefferson County
3rd place	Seline Crews	Christian 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.

