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Adopt-a-Highway program announces 2018 art contest winners *Over 1,000 students entered annual contest*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 18, 2019) – Students from four Kentucky counties earned first place in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) 2018 Adopt-a-Highway Art Contest, which seeks to promote a clean environment. Winners represent Western Hills High School in Franklin County, Murray High School in Calloway County, Grace Academy in Allen County and Rich Pond Elementary in Warren County.

"I am always impressed with the talent and creativity of Kentucky's young artists to skillfully promote litter-free roads," said Kentucky Transportation Secretary Greg Thomas. "These art pieces encourage all of us to do our part to keep our roadsides clear, safe and beautiful. Congratulations to this year's winners and the teachers and parents who play a role in supporting this program."

The winner in each of four age divisions will receive a \$100 gift card, while second and third-place finishers will receive a \$50 gift card. First through third-place recipients for all age groups will receive framed prints of their posters. KYTC frames and displays the original artwork in the Transportation Cabinet's conference center in Frankfort. Additionally, the winning artwork will be featured in the Adopt-a-Highway program's calendar, which will be available in July for the 2019-2020 academic year.

The 2018 contest winners are:

5-8 age category

1st place	Breanne Wichman	Rich Pond Elementary, Warren County
2nd place	Molly Ryan	St. Joseph Academy, Boone County
3rd place	Chasta Hodge	Toliver Intermediate School, Boyle County

9-11 age category

1st place	Liberty Falica	Grace Academy, Allen County
2nd place	Michael Harrison Falica	Grace Academy, Allen County

3rd place	Zelah Gabbard	Walton-Verona Middle, Boone County
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12-14 age category

1st place	Amanda Peiffer	Murray High School, Calloway County
2nd place	Olivia Massey	Walton-Verona Middle School, Boone County
3rd place	Miki Harding	South Warren Middle School, Warren County

15-18 age category

1st place	Olivia Onodu	Western Hills High School, Franklin County
2nd place	Kelsie Medley	Pleasure Ridge Park High School, Jefferson County
3rd place	Bradley Peiffer	Murray High School, Calloway County

The Transportation Cabinet's Adopt-a-Highway program received 1,008 entries from students throughout the Commonwealth for the 2018 contest.

The Adopt-a-Highway program is a statewide volunteer effort to reduce roadside litter and to 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 <http://transportation.ky.gov/Adopt-a-Highway>.

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NOTE: Scans of winning art are available to local media upon request.