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Adopt-a-Highway program announces 2019-2020 art contest winners *Nearly 650 students entered annual contest*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 22, 2020) – Students from Boone and Madison counties earned first place in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) 2019-2020 Adopt-a-Highway Art Contest. The contest seeks to promote a clean environment and discourage littering. Winners represent Assumption Academy and Walton-Verona Middle School in Boone County and Model Laboratory School and Waco Elementary School in Madison County.

"I'm really proud of these students who have stepped up and used their creativity to remind all Kentuckians how important it is to protect our vibrant landscapes," said Gov. Beshear. "We owe it to our environment and to each other to keep our neighborhoods, parks and highways clean."

"Congratulations to the winners of the 2020 Adopt-a-Highway Art Contest," said Kentucky Transportation Secretary Jim Gray. "This was my first time as a judge for the Adopt-a-Highway Art Contest and I am so impressed by Kentucky's young artists. The winning pieces inspire all of us to 'Keep Kentucky Beautiful' for future generations by keeping our environment clean and our highways litter free."

The top finishers in each of four age divisions will each 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 returned. KYTC displays the original artwork in the Transportation Cabinet's conference center in Frankfort.

The 2019-2020 contest winners are:

5-8 age category

1st place	Jaxon Freeman	Waco Elementary, Madison County
2nd place	Saanvi Aravantagi	Potter Gray Elementary, Warren County
3rd place	Elizabeth Denham	Southern Elementary, Pulaski County

9-11 age category

1st place	Jennifer Taliaferro	Model Laboratory School, Madison County
2nd place	Hadassah Hess	Northern Elementary, Pulaski County
3rd place	Isabella Grubbs	Bell Central Elementary, Bell County

12-14 age category

1st place	Alice Dong	Walton-Verona Middle School, Boone County
2nd place	Peter Field	Assumption Academy, Boone County
3rd place	Madison Corman	Model Laboratory School, Madison County

15-18 age category

1st place	Benedict Field	Assumption Academy, Boone County
2nd place	Amanda Peiffer	Murray High School, Calloway County
3rd place	Lillie Weaver	Model Laboratory School, Madison County

KYTC urges students and teachers to prepare for the 2020 art contest. The Cabinet will accept entries postmarked by Friday, Dec. 18. Additional information about the 2020 art contest, including the entry form, will be posted at transportation.ky.gov/AdoptaHighway/Pages/Events.aspx by Thursday, Oct. 1.

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 transportation.ky.gov/AdoptaHighway.

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NOTE: Scans of winning art are available for download at transportation.ky.gov/AdoptaHighway/Pages/Art-Contest-Winners.aspx.