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## NEWS RELEASE

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### WVWD Water Awareness Month Activities

In celebration of the statewide recognition of May as Water Awareness Month, the Walnut Valley Water District recently held a reception honoring its high school essay contest winners, elementary poster contest winners, and the secondary student art contest winner. Students from local schools within the District's service area were recognized for their outstanding efforts in promotion of the importance of water as a precious resource.

### High School Essay Contest

Awards were presented to four local high school students as winners in the District's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Essay Contest. Each student was required to compose an original 500-word essay using expository, descriptive, narrative, or persuasive language addressing the theme, "Water is Life." The essays were judged for their total effectiveness, organization, logic, accuracy, usage, and originality.

Awards presented for the high school essay contest are as follows:

**April Wong**, Walnut High School  
Grand Prize-Plaque plus \$400 U.S. Savings Bond

**Christine Kuang**, Diamond Bar High School  
First Place-Plaque plus \$300 U.S. Savings Bond

**Stephanie Ou**, Diamond Bar High School  
Second Place-Plaque plus \$200 U.S. Savings Bond

**Leander Kung**, Rowland High School  
Third Place-Plaque plus \$100 U.S. Savings Bond

### **Poster Contest**

Plaques were presented to Diamond Bar and Walnut area elementary school (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade) students for posters they developed and entered into the District's 15th Annual Poster Contest in conjunction with its Water Awareness Month educational activities. There were a total of 90 posters entered in the competition, representing three school districts, 10 public schools, 35 teachers, and a total of 774 participants. Participating teachers were allowed to submit a maximum of 3 posters to represent their class.

The poster contest awards presented at the ceremony are as follows:

### **Third Grade Category**

**Elven Tsao, First Place**

Mrs. Wilson, Diamond Point Elementary

**James Kim, Second Place**

Mrs. Sally Choi-Hwang, Evergreen Elementary

**Alex Wang, Third Place**

Mrs. Barbara Leigh, Westhoff Elementary

**Nancy Kim, Fourth Place**

Mrs. Sally Choi-Hwang, Evergreen Elementary

### **Fourth Grade Category**

**Alissa Chan, First Place**

Ms. Patricia Black, Evergreen Elementary

**Connie Chen, Second Place**

Mrs. Lora Wilson, Vejar Elementary

**Brooke Kennedy, Third Place**

Mrs. Carla Richman, Golden Springs Elementary

**Sandra Ko, Fourth Place**

Mrs. Kay Hoard, Vejar Elementary

### **Fifth Grade Category**

**Jenny Yu, First Place**

Mrs. Margaret Bersch, Vejar Elementary

**Lillian Liu, Second Place**

Ms. Vera Korneff, Maple Hill Elementary

**Justin Kang, Third Place**

Mrs. Terry Shockley, Vejar Elementary

**Terence Chan, Fourth Place**

Mrs. Gayle Douglas, Maple Hill Elementary

**Secondary Student Art Contest**

One student was recognized for her participation in this pilot program, which provided 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th grade students an opportunity to submit posters created through computer-generated art, as well as other multi-media art work, in the District's Secondary Student Art Contest.

**Eighth Grade Category**

**Christina Li, First Place**

Mrs. Sue Lindemulder, Suzanne Middle School

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