

Students honored for artwork focused on problem gambling

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Area students won awards and honorable mentions in the 2009 Marion County Problem Gambling Art Awards competition.

The sixth annual art search is conducted in partnership with local problem gambling prevention and outreach coordinators. The top artistic designs are chosen for next year's Oregon Department of Human Services calendar, which is designed to increase awareness of problem gambling. Each county can have two winners on the calendar, which is distributed statewide.

About 277 entries were submitted this year from middle school students throughout Marion County. Student art from Jefferson Middle School, Cascade Junior High School and Mount Angel Middle School ranked in the top 10.

The top 10 winners are:

- Antonio Caton, Mark Twain Middle School, State Award

- Ellen Gray, Jefferson Middle School

Kenya Juarez, Mount Angel Middle School, State Award

- Tie between Nicole Gibson, Gervais Middle School and Ethan Carlton, Cascade Junior High School

- Barbara Skog, Central Howell, State Honorable Mention

- Grant Lizue, Cascade Junior High School

- Ana Jessica Camarena, Valor Middle School

- Tie between Cassy Hamill, Jefferson Middle School and Spencer Kienzle, Jefferson Middle School

- Yajaira Loza, Valor Middle School.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Victor Rosales, Mount Angel Middle School; Sophie Velasquez, Valor Middle School; Katreena Patton, Jefferson Middle School; Bodie Crist, Cascade Junior High School; Taylor Richards, Jefferson Middle School; Evlalia Makaroff, Gervais Middle School; Cody Muse, Jefferson Middle School; Carina Llamas, Gervais Middle school; Cornelio Martinez, Valor Middle School; Veronica Torres, Jefferson Middle School; Jennifer Gallegos, Jefferson Middle School; Lily Chavez, Gervais Middle School; Yoanna Alvarado, Jefferson Middle School; Jennifer Gallegos, Jefferson Middle School; Lily Chavez, Gervais Middle School; Yoanna Alvarado, Jefferson Middle School; Vanessa Pierce, Central Howell Elementary School; Sandra Ambriz, Valor Middle School; and Rhona Stadel, Central Howell Elementary School.

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