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VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT ANNOUNCES STUDENT CONTEST WINNERS

High school seniors awarded scholarships and fourth-grade students receive water awareness poster contest awards.

Vista, CA—

Vista Irrigation District awarded college scholarships to three high school seniors and selected three fourth-grade students from the local community as winners of two separate district-sponsored contests.

Scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 were awarded to Elizabeth Fellars and Juan Paz from Rancho Buena Vista High School and Ilona Medina from Vista High School as winners in the Vista Irrigation District 2024 scholarship contest.

Bailey Backer, a fourth grade student from Empresa Elementary, received first place honors from the district for her entry in the 2024 Water Awareness Poster Contest; she received a \$100 award. Juliette Stoiloff and Skylar Butner from Tri-City Christian School received a second (\$50) and third (\$25) place awards, respectively, for their entries in the contest.

The purpose of the scholarship contest, which is open to high school seniors living or attending school within the district's service area, is to increase the knowledge and awareness of water related issues affecting Vista Irrigation District. The district received eight applications this year.

The poster contest, which targets students in the fourth-grade, is designed to promote understanding of water issues in elementary schools. This year's theme was "Love Water, Save Water." The three winning posters were selected from 205 entries based upon their depiction of the theme, artwork, originality, and poster design. All three winners' artwork will appear in the 2025 Water Awareness Calendar, which will be available, free of charge at the district's office in November 2024.

Vista Irrigation District is a public agency governed by an elected five-member board. The district provides water service to roughly 130,000 people in the city of Vista, and portions of San Marcos, Escondido, Oceanside, and unincorporated areas of the county of San Diego.

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