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ENVIRONMENTAL ART CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Keep Lee County Beautiful, Inc. (KLCB) is pleased to announce the winners in the 27th annual "Leave The Scene Clean" Calendar Art Contest. The contest drew thousands of entries from local students, representing public, private, and home schools in Lee County. Submitted work was judged on artistic execution and originality as well as environmental theme, such as litter prevention, recycling, community cleanup and protecting the environment.

The 12 First Place selections, one from each grade 1 through 12, in addition to the cover winner, are featured in KLCB's full color 2017 "Leave The Scene Clean" Calendar. Also selected were Honorable Mentions in each grade. KLCB will host an awards ceremony at the Broadway Palm Theatre this fall with a 6:30 PM reception and the awards ceremony starting at 7:00 PM (the event is free and open to the public) at which time the artwork will be exhibited, the calendar will be released, and the winners will receive their awards. The cover winner and senior winner will each be presented with a \$500 cash scholarship courtesy of Covanta Energy.

Each calendar month contains a different student work of art. The back cover will feature an environmental message by N. Fort Myers High School student Gabriela Castellanos, the 2017 cover winner.

These popular full color calendars can be had for a \$3 donation each and are available through select Goodwill stores and participating Lee County Schools, who retain all proceeds collected with the funds being used to pay for environmental projects at the participating school.

The calendar project is made possible through corporate sponsorships. Sponsors for the 2017 calendar include Mosaic, Covanta Energy, Miromar Outlets, Advanced Disposal, LCEC, Re-Community, Lee County Solid Waste Division, A&D Shredding, Sunshine Recycling, Goodwill Industries, Waste Pro and Waste Management. We are still looking for a sponsor. Please call Trish at 239-334-3488 for more details on how you can become a sponsor!



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KLCB is a private non-profit organization dedicated to educational litter prevention programs and responsible solid waste management. Proceeds from the sale of the environmental calendars benefit KLCB programs and participating schools. For more information about this and other KLCB educational programs call 334-3488.

Cover Winner –Gabriela Castellanos – N. Fort Myers High School – Grade 12

The twelve First Place Winners and their schools are:

- Grade 1 – Suzanne Greco –Oasis Charter Elementary
- Grade 2 – Alissa Figueiredo – St. Francis Xavier
- Grade 3 – Yasmin Calmo – Spring Creek Elementary
- Grade 4 – Challen Lowe – Oasis Charter Elementary
- Grade 5 – Ryann Kearney – Pelican Elementary
- Grade 6 – Gracie Goll – Three Oaks Middle
- Grade 7 – Abby Vick – NFM Academy for the Arts
- Grade 8 – Sedona Scott – Oasis Middle
- Grade 9 – Lauren McKirahan – Island Coast High School
- Grade 10 – Stephanie Dickey – Fort Myers High School
- Grade 11 – Tricia Shamburger – Cypress Lake High School
- Grade 12 – Zailyk Diaz – Island Coast High School

The Honorable Mention winners and their schools are:

- Grade 1**
 - Gabriella Rivera-Batista – Harns Marsh Elementary
 - Leah Chung – St. Francis Xavier
 - Mattie Pusateri – Bayshore Elementary
- Grade 2**
 - Lourdes Lucero – Bayshore Elementary
 - Ryan Chouinard – Pelican Elementary
 - Ahniya Alicea – Allen Park Elementary
- Grade 3**
 - Erick Mendoza – River Hall Elementary



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Isabel Pate – Oasis Charter Elementary
Addison Pooler – Allen Park Elementary

Grade 4 Katy Jones – Oasis Charter Elementary
Katie Blackwell – Pelican Elementary
Meem Ahmed – Harns Marsh Elementary

Grade 5 Sierra Hajek – St. Francis Xavier
Jaden McDonald – Spring Creek Elementary
Denilson Francisco – Spring Creek Elementary

Grade 6 April Deutsch – Gulf Middle School
Ariana Lehman – Oasis Middle School
Hailey Mason – The Alva School

Grade 7 Elaine Bulawan – St. Francis Xavier
Natalia Onofrio – St. Francis Xavier
Madeline Ritter – Challenger Middle School

Grade 8 Amanda Menendez – N. Fort Myers Academy for the Arts
Caroline Drakes – Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle
Serena Maerten – Oasis Middle School

Grade 9 Brianna Johnson – Cypress Lake High School
Solanch Dupeyron – Cape Coral High School
Alexandria Puente – Cape Coral High School

Grade 10 Amanda Oleksa – Fort Myers High School
James Bergin – Cape Coral High School
Leanie Fry – Cypress Lake High School

Grade 11 Aracelly Peralta – Cypress Lake High School
Nolan Nowak – Cypress Lake High School
Franca Daenzer – Cape Coral High School

Grade 12 Josee Cherubin – North Fort Myers High School
Chloe Maddux – Oasis High School
Davina Angstenberger – Lehigh Senior High School