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## **WATER IS LIFE STUDENT ART CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

*West Basin Board of Directors Award Student Artists for Creative Water-smart Messages*

**CARSON, Calif.** – On April 22, the West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) Board of Directors presented awards to the grand prize and honorable mention winners of the annual Water is Life Student Art Contest. The contest encourages students to create and illustrate water-smart conservation messages.

“We are proud of the students who participated in this year’s Water is Life Student Art Contest, and for their thoughtful water conservation slogans and creative artwork that emphasizes their commitment to preserving our most precious natural resource,” said West Basin Board President Scott Houston.

This year, more than 500 entries were received with one grand prize winner recognized in the elementary, middle and high school categories throughout the West Basin service area. The winners are:

- Elementary School Grand Prize Winner  
**Amble Wardle, Grade 5, Dominguez STEAM Academy, Carson**
- Middle School Grand Prize Winner  
**Zita Allen, Grade 8, Da Vinci Connect, El Segundo**
- High School Grand Prize Winner  
**Rachel Hong, Grade 10, Palos Verdes Peninsula High School (and Seoul Arts Academy), Rolling Hills Estates**

The three grand prize winners received an iPad, stylus, \$25 app store gift card and a top 10 list of art apps for kids. In addition, 12 honorable mention awardees received an iPad and a top 10 list of art apps for kids.

Every year, West Basin encourages 3rd through 12th grade students to tap into their artistic creativity by participating in the Water is Life Student Art Contest that celebrates Save Our Water Month, which is in May. Through the contest, students were encouraged to depict wise uses of water at home and in their communities in recognition that conservation is a California way of life.

The art contest is a collaborative water education program between West Basin and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Winning artwork will advance to Metropolitan’s regional competition to potentially be featured in the agency’s 2020 calendar.

For more information about the Water is Life Art Contest and the full list of awardees and artwork, visit: [www.westbasin.org/waterislife](http://www.westbasin.org/waterislife).

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