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STUDENT ARTWORK SHINES THROUGH 2025 “BEING WATER WISE IS...” ART CONTEST
Winners Announced from Gardena, Rancho Palos Verdes and Redondo Beach for Showcasing Water Conservation Artwork

CARSON, Calif. – Creativity meets conservation as West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) unveils the winners of its 2025 “Being Water Wise Is...” student art contest. This competition is an annual celebration of young visionaries who use art to advocate for smart water use in their homes, schools and communities. Following a record-breaking number of submissions this year, West Basin proudly announces the grand prize winners from the elementary, middle and high school categories.

West Basin service area students grade 3rd – 12th used their creativity to craft visually compelling artwork that spreads community awareness about water efficiency and conservation. This year more than 700 talented students submitted inspiring pieces that illustrated the urgent topic of water scarcity and proactive ways to reduce water use in their neighborhood. They were tasked with conveying the importance of mindful water consumption through powerful visual storytelling.

“These young artists’ work is an encouraging reminder that the next generation not only understands the importance of protecting our water resources but is also eager to lead the charge in advocating for water sustainability,” said West Basin Board President and Division II Director Gloria D. Gray. “The fresh voices these students bring to the water conservation dialogue is so impactful. It is exciting to see their talent and passion for protecting this essential resource.”

From the impressive pool of entries, one standout artist was selected as the Grand Prize Winner in each of the three judging categories with up to four students in each category earning honorable mention recognition for their artwork. Each winning student received an Apple iPad prize, and Grand Prize recipients were also awarded with a digital stylus and a \$25 Apple Store gift card.

2025 Grand Prize Winners

- Elementary School: Shaylah Galvan, 5th grade, 186th Street Elementary School, Gardena
- Middle School: Jina Ng, 8th grade, Palos Verdes Intermediate School/Seoul Arts Academy, Rancho Palos Verdes
- High School: Eli Kano, 10th grade, Redondo Union High School, Redondo Beach

All winning artwork from this local contest will advance to compete in the Metropolitan Water District’s regional art contest for a chance to be featured in their 2026 Student Art Calendar. In partnership with the Metropolitan Water District, this creative initiative is part of West Basin’s ongoing commitment to community education and conservation. The winners were celebrated during a special ceremony at the West Basin Board Meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2025. Their artwork is available to view in the online photo gallery at www.westbasin.org.

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