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AZ529, Arizona's Education Savings Plan, Announces Statewide Future Career Art Contest Winners

PHOENIX, AZ – Fourteen Arizona kindergarten through sixth grade students were honored as winners of the second-annual AZ529 Future Career Art Contest. The 14 winners represent different schools among district, charter, private, Bureau of Indian Education and homeschools, representing 8 of Arizona's 15 counties.

“This contest reached every corner of our great state to emphasize that Arizona students are planning for their future education and dream careers. It was encouraging to meet these talented, ambitious students and see how they envision their future,” said Arizona Treasurer Kimberly Yee. “Today each student winner was awarded with \$529 in an AZ529 account to go towards advancing their education so they can achieve the dreams they brought to life through their artwork entry.”

AZ529, Arizona's Education Savings Plan together with the Arizona State Treasurer's Office invited K-6th graders across Arizona to draw, paint or find a creative way to make an art piece representing their dream job. A total of 14 winners were selected from 343 entries, up from 216 just one year ago. The entries were reviewed by a panel of judges and scored based on the content, creativity, organization and originality of the artwork.

The winners received \$529 towards a new or existing AZ529 Education Savings Plan. The amount \$529 was selected to pay homage to Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, which created the AZ529 plan. The funds may be used for future educational expenses such as tuition for college, trade schools, or workforce development training.

The AZ529 Education Savings Plan offers a tax-advantaged approach to setting money aside for college, community college, vocational training, trade school and other educational avenues for high school graduates. Arizona residents can receive a dollar-for-dollar state tax deduction for contributions made to an AZ529 account each year, of up to \$2,000 per beneficiary or \$4,000 per beneficiary depending on filing status. Funds earned over time will remain tax-free when used for a wide variety of covered educational expenses. Additionally, friends and family members may add to a child's AZ529 Plan at any time and earn the same tax benefits for themselves. For more information about AZ529, visit <http://www.az529.gov>.



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2023 AZ529 Future Career Art Contest Winners:

Kindergarten:

- Advaith, BASIS Phoenix Primary, Maricopa County
- Theodore, Homeschool, Maricopa County

1st Grade:

- Alaina, Benjamin Franklin Elementary, Pinal County
- Inayah, BASIS Chandler Primary North, Maricopa County

2nd Grade:

- Owen, Salt River Elementary School, Maricopa County
- Kayla, Lemn Academy of Excellence Oro Valley, Pima County

3rd Grade:

- Fernanda, Mary L. Welty Elementary School, Santa Cruz County
- Olivia, Homeschool, Gila County

4th Grade:

- Kharliel, Salome Elementary School, La Paz County
- Liliana, Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Glendale, Maricopa County

5th Grade

- Joseph, Ward Traditional Academy, Maricopa County
- Swayzee, Sequoia Choice, Yavapai County

6th Grade

- Raegan, Show Low Junior High School, Navajo County
- Sushank, Oak Tree Elementary, Maricopa County

To see the winning artwork, visit <http://www.az529.gov/artcontest>.



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