2023

Art & Essay Contest

Awards Ceremony
April 26, 2023
Annenberg Presidential Conference Center

Art Theme: Art of Cultures Around the World
Essay Theme: Cultural Exchanges in Our Lives
Welcome.............................................................Dr. Robert Holzweiss
Acting Director
George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

Art and Essay Awards............ Bryan Rodriguez & Santiago Serdan
Education Interns
George H.W Bush Presidential Library and Museum

Closing Remarks.............................................................Dr. Robert Holzweiss
Acting Director
George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum
Art Contest Awards

Grades K-2

1st Place
Ege Ali Guneralp
"Hogia Sophia Istanbul"
Dary Dega
DEGALLERY

2nd Place
Emilian Penionzhkevich-Rogachev
"Colorful Streets of Barcelona"
Dary Dega
DEGALLERY

3rd Place
Roseveare Hutto
"South American Village"
Lynn Peverill
Covenant Christian School

Honorable Mention
Jose Nino
"The Colorful Mexican Doll"
Elizabeth Mitchell
Neal Elementary
Essay Contest Awards

Grades 4-5

1st Place
Will Hefferly
"A Lot More Than A Puzzle"
Carrie Deering
Brenham Middle School

2nd Place
Carter Smith
"Culture In Playing Video Games"
Carrie Deering
Brenham Middle School

3rd Place
Charles Schramme
"German Culture in America"
Carrie Deering
Brenham Middle School

Honorable Mention
Chloe Spall
"Cultural Exchanges with Jane Goodall"
Carrie Deering
Brenham Middle School
Art Contest Awards

Grades 3-5

1st Place
Lucy Wu
"The Lanterns of China"
Dary Dega
DEGALLERY

2nd Place
Maia Anshelevich
"Fuji-San"
Dary Dega
DEGALLERY

3rd Place
Sophia Roberts
"The Balance of Peace"
Tara Ratliff
Bear Branch Intermediate

Honorable Mention
Mandy Lou Brightsmith
"The Creation of the Vinicunca Mountains, Peru"
LeAnn Hale
Purple Turtle Art Studio
Essay Contest Awards
Grades 6-8

1st Place
Alexa Drew
"Stop and Smell the Roses"
Stacy Stefka
Caldwell Junior High

2nd Place
Wyatt Beasley
"The Czech Way of Life"
Stacy Stefka
Caldwell Junior High

3rd Place
Jayden Hernandez
"Mexican and Italian"
Stacy Stefka
Caldwell Junior High

Honorable Mention
Richard Leubner
"Nanny Culture"
Stacy Stefka
Caldwell Junior High
Grades 6-8

1st Place
Sara Davis
"Along the Great River"
Dary Dega
DEGALLERY

2nd Place
Ally Pakhotina
"Folk Tea Party"
Dary Dega
DEGALLERY

3rd Place
Daria Koustova
"Mirage"
Sharon Shimshack
College Station Middle School

Honorable Mention
Janwoo Park
"The Scenery of Gwanghwamun"
Dary Dega
DEGALLERY
1st Place
Keyni Farrow
"Czech Culture in my Town"
Sara McMullen
Caldwell High School

2nd Place
John Jacobs
"The Joy of the Vietnamese Mass"
Mary E. Jacobs
Jacobs Homeschool

3rd Place
Debkonya Banerjee
"Cultural Exchange: The Effect On Our Community"
Linda Calver
A&M Consolidated High School

Honorable Mention
Devkumar Banerjee
"The Importance of Cultural Exchange in the Modern World"
Linda Calver
A&M Consolidated High School
Art Contest Awards

Grades 9-12

1st Place
Cynthia Zhou
"Zhao Yue Mei"
Sara Jordan
College Station High School

2nd Place
Jadyn Wilkerson
"Lunar New Year"
Alexandra Chavez
Magnolia High School

3rd Place
Aurihana Kornegay
"Ladies from Jamaica and Panama"
Ann Rife
College View High School

Honorable Mention
Carissa Gonzalez
"La Belleza de mi Ascendencia"
Ann Rife
College View High School
Essay Contest Awards

Best In Show

Grand Champion

Keyni Farrow
"Czech Culture in my Town"
Sara McMullen
Caldwell High School

Art Contest Awards

Best In Show

Grand Champion

Cynthia Zhou
"Zhao Yue Mei"
Sara Jordan
College Station High School
Art Judges:  
Sheree Boegner
Peggy Crafton
Sheila Fields
Michelle McDaniel

Essay Judges:  
Gerry Hince
Katina Osth

Awards Ceremony Volunteers:  
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Annette Browne  
Sheila Fields  
Lezlie Zeiger  
Kathy Josefy
Suzy Keller
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