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Students create original works in celebration of Governor's Mansion Centennial

Arts and essay contest winners named

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 14, 2014) – First Lady Jane Beshear today announced the winning entries in the Kentucky Governor's Mansion Centennial Celebration Visual Art and Essay Contest. The student winners will be honored at a special reception at the Governor's Mansion on April 23.

As part of the 100th anniversary celebration of the mansion, public, private and home school students were invited to submit original artworks and/or essays illustrating a specific theme celebrating the mansion's history. The winning entries were chosen from among hundreds submitted by students in various age categories.

"This contest was a way for Kentucky students to connect with the history of our state and with the mansion's Centennial celebration," Mrs. Beshear said. "The mansion has a rich architectural, political and social heritage that provides many avenues for learning. The students entering this contest had an opportunity to study this state treasure and then demonstrate their learning by creating an original work that we all can enjoy."

A panel of writing experts from the Kentucky Department of Education judged the essays entered on content and quality of research, exposition (language skills, organization and grammar) and strength of argument (support of claims using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence).

A panel of arts experts from the Kentucky Arts Council and the Kentucky Department of Education judged the visual arts entries against stated criteria including creativity, composition, craftsmanship, whether the entry addressed the theme and the historical accuracy of the depiction.

The first place winner in each category, along with his/her parents or guardian and teacher will have the opportunity to visit and tour the mansion on April 23. The winners will be recognized during a luncheon and special ceremony with the First Lady. Each student winner also will receive a \$100 prize and the winning art works and essays will be displayed at the mansion and become part of its permanent collection.

Students with second or third place entries or those receiving an honorable mention will receive a certificate signed by Gov. Steve Beshear, the First Lady and Education Commissioner Terry Holliday. The rest of the entrants will each receive a certificate of participation.

“There’s no doubt we have very talented young people in Kentucky,” Mrs. Beshear said. “Their work is a testament to not only their talents but also to the teachers, parents and others who nurture that creativity and continue learning every day.”

The First Lady, the Kentucky Governor’s Mansion Centennial Committee and the Kentucky Department of Education sponsored the Governor’s Mansion Centennial Visual Art and Essay Contest. It is one of many events scheduled throughout the year celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Kentucky Governor’s Mansion.

All Centennial events and exhibits are sponsored through private donations to the Kentucky Executive Mansions Foundation, Inc. (KEMFI). KEMFI is a 501(c)(3) organization established to undertake, promote and assist financially and otherwise the modification to the restoration, maintenance and preservation of public buildings, sites, structures, places and objects of historic significance owned by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

A full list of the winners follows.

ESSAY COMPETITION WINNERS

Grades 4-6

***1st place:* Bailey Richardson, Caneyville Elementary, Grayson County**

***2nd place:* Lydia Mills, Estill Co. Middle School, Estill County**

***3rd place:* Campbell Johnson, Athens-Chilesburg Elementary, Fayette County**

Grades 7-9

***1st place:* Andrew Sauls, North Middle School, Henderson County**

***2nd place:* Annika Avula, Drakes Creek Middle School, Warren County**

***3rd place:* Lee Mills, Estill Co. Middle School, Estill County**

Grades 10-12

1st place: Jessica Klusty, Bowling Green High School, Bowling Green Independent

2nd place: Jordan Hancock, Muhlenberg Co. High School, Muhlenberg County

3rd place: Rachel de Rosset, Madison Southern High School, Madison County

ARTS COMPEITION WINNERS

Grades Kindergarten - 2

1st place: Sarah Maloney, Simpson County Elementary, Simpson County

2nd place: Jordan Viele, Lancaster Elementary, Garrard County Schools, teacher Tonya Austin

3rd place: Rileigh K. Reed, Burns Elementary, Daviess County Schools, teacher Liz Milburn

Grades 3-5

1st place: Daniel Godewis II, Mason Corinth Elementary, Grant County

2nd place: Yanxi Sophia Liu, Ashland Elementary, Fayette County

3rd place: Anna Hawkins, Wyan-Pine Grove Elementary, Laurel County

Honorable Mention: Amiria Smith, Wilkerson Elementary, Jefferson County

Grades 6-8

1st place: Rosie Davila, West Jessamine Middle, Jessamine County

2nd place: James Yeckering, Ohio County Middle School, Ohio County

3rd place: Brittney Lynn Newman, South Floyd Middle, Floyd County

Grades 9-12

1st place: De' Sean Ta-Jae' Isom, Pleasure Ridge Park High, Jefferson County

2nd place: Zachary Williams, Greenwood High School, Warren County

3rd place: Adelle Leigh-Anne Malone, Central Hardin High, Hardin County

Honorable Mention: Sheri Storm, Daviess County High, Daviess County

To view the works of each first place winner, go to

<http://governorsmansion.ky.gov/centennial/contest/Pages/winners.aspx>.

For information about the mansion, tours and all the centennial events, visit the Governor's Mansion [website](#), like the "Kentucky Governor's Mansion" on [Facebook](#) and follow "GovMansion1914" on [Twitter](#).

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