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Kansas students win ag foundation's postcard art contest

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Winners of the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom's postcard art contest have been announced. The student artists will be recognized on March 15 during the Kansas Ag Day celebration, which will be held at the State Department of Agriculture in Topeka.

"Youth participants did a great job interpreting the theme," said Cathy Musick, executive director of the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. "It is a pleasure to share this artwork with others so they can begin to comprehend the importance of agriculture in their daily lives."

More than 1,640 kindergarten through sixth grade students from 33 counties across the state entered this year's contest by designing a postcard around the theme "Celebrate Kansas: 150 Years of Agriculture." Artwork was judged on relevance to the theme, creativity, originality, use of color, use of space, and clarity of idea and image. A first prize winner was selected from each grade level along with one grand prize winner. Each first prize award recipient will receive a \$50 U.S. savings bond and the grand prize winner will receive a \$100 bond.

The winners are invited to attend the Kansas Ag Day celebration in Topeka where they will have the opportunity to meet Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman, who will present them with their award certificates and U.S. Savings bonds. The winners will receive framed copies of their artwork as well as packets of postcards they can share with their families and friends.

This year's winners are listed with their hometowns:

- Grand prize (fifth grade): Kayla LeDuc, Holton
- Kindergarten: Autumn Hill, Newton
- First grade: Brendan Strahm, Bern
- Second grade: Lizbeth Vidana, Garden City
- Third grade: Micah Epp, North Newton
- Fourth grade: Ethan Entz, Newton
- Fifth grade: Brigitta Houn, Manhattan
- Sixth grade: Brooke Ritter, Cleveland, Mo.; attends school in Bucyrus

The Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom has been hosting the contest since 1999. The Kansas State University College of Agriculture is a financial partner for this project, providing funding for the prizes as well as the celebration. The winning entries from 2011 and previous years can be viewed on the foundation's website at www.ksagclassroom.org. Click on "For Students" and "Postcard Art Contest."