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TREA Celebrates Young Artists: Announcing the Winners of the 2025 Student Art Contest

AUSTIN, TX – May 6, 2025 – The Texas Rural Education Association (TREA) is delighted to announce the talented winners of its 2025 Student Art Contest! This year's competition showcased the impressive creativity and dedication of nearly 200 young artists from across rural Texas.

TREA is incredibly proud of every student who participated and poured their hard work into their submissions. The winning artwork, demonstrating exceptional skill and imagination, will be featured at the TREA Annual Conference taking place June 22-25, 2025, at the Kalahari Resort in Round Rock.

The contest recognized talent across three grade-level divisions, with each division awarding cash prizes to the top three artists: \$500 for 1st Place, \$300 for 2nd Place, and \$150 for 3rd Place. We also want to thank BLICK Art Materials for awarding gift certificates to all of the winners as well as the art teachers that submitted the students' work.

"We are consistently blown away by the artistic talent within our rural schools, and this year's submissions truly impressed us," said Bill Tarleton, TREA Executive Director. "A huge congratulations to all the winners, and a heartfelt thank you to every student who shared their artwork with us. At TREA, we are committed to supporting students in rural communities, and we hope this contest encourages these young artists to continue exploring their passion for art."

For those interested in experiencing the winning artwork firsthand or learning more about the TREA Annual Conference, please visit our website at txrea.com.

3-5 Grades

6-8 Grades

9-12 Grades

1st
Place

Brent Belanger | Peaster ISD

Heidi Koenig | Palacios ISD

Collin Mahanna | Scurry-Rosser ISD

2nd
Place

Emma Ash | Cushing ISD

Brayden Franke | Goliad ISD

Jacquelin Martinez | Cushing ISD

3rd
Place

Edwin Lopez | Peaster ISD

Michael Miller | Scurry-Rosser ISD

Daniela DeLeon | Goliad ISD