

Honolulu Board of Water Supply  
News Release



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**BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY ANNOUNCES WATER  
CONSERVATION POSTER AND POETRY CONTEST WINNERS**

HONOLULU – Winners of the Board of Water Supply’s (BWS) 2014 Water Conservation Week Poster and Poetry Contests were announced today at an awards ceremony at the historic Mission Memorial Auditorium. Forty-two Oahu students were recognized for creating artwork and poetry that illustrate the importance of water conservation.

“I am pleased to see the Board of Water Supply, like all City agencies, promoting ways the community can help make Honolulu a sustainable and environmentally friendly city for years to come,” said City and County of Honolulu Deputy Managing Director Georgette Deemer. “These impressive works of art and poetry demonstrate ways to help make our city a better place to live, work, and play.”

For decades, these contests have focused on educating Oahu keiki about the significance of water conservation and what they can do to help preserve our limited resources. The BWS Water Conservation Week Contests accepts poster entries from students in kindergarten through sixth grade and poems from students in 7th through 12th grades.

“The quality and creativity of the entries we receive continue to exceed our expectations,” said BWS Chairman Duane Miyashiro. “The winning students proficiently expressed ways for the community to help ensure a sustainable supply.”

“Each year, we receive thousands of outstanding illustrations that show how keiki view our water resources,” said BWS Manager and Chief Engineer Ernest Y.W. Lau. “The poster and poetry contests embody the essence of the BWS’s mission *Ka Wai Ola – Water for Life*.”

Top honors were awarded to 24 Oahu students in different categories from kindergarten to 12th grade, along with 18 honorable mentions from 57 public and private schools, afterschool programs, student enrichment programs, and homeschooled children on Oahu. The winning entries were chosen by contest judges out of more than 1,300 posters and 200 poems received. Winning and honorable mention artwork and poems will be featured in the BWS’s 2015 Water Conservation calendar, which will be printed and made available to the public at the end of this year. It will also be available for download on the BWS website at <http://www.boardofwatersupply.com>.

All winning and honorable mention entries will be on exhibit at:

- Honolulu Hale Lane Gallery from Wednesday, May 7 to Thursday, May 29;
- Kapolei Hale from Tuesday, June 3 to Thursday, June 12;
- Kahala Mall from Monday, June 16 to Wednesday, July 2;
- Windward Mall from Monday, July 7 to Thursday, July 17; and
- BWS Public Service Building Lobby from Monday, July 21 to Friday, August 29.

This year's poster contest judges were Misty Kela'i, Executive Director, City & County of Honolulu, Mayor's Office of Culture & the Arts; Evan Tottori, State Office Resource Teacher, Art in Public Places at the Hawaii State Department of Education (DOE); and Lorna Heller, BWS Civil Engineer. The poems in this year's contest were judged by Cedric Yamanaka, Director of Corporate Communications, Queen's Health Systems; Marti McGurk, State Office Resource Teacher, Language Arts at the DOE; and Kaleinani Schoenstein, BWS Information Specialist.

These contests were made possible through the support of Platinum Sponsors Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden, Times Supermarket, Hawaii Energy, and Sodexo Hawaii; Gold Sponsors Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. and Hard Rock Cafe; and Silver Sponsors Aloha Pacific Federal Credit Union, Board of Water Supply Federal Credit Union, and Pasha Hawaii.

### **2014 Water Conservation Week poster contest place winners:**

#### Kindergarten

- 1st Place: **Dahlia Didiet**, Makalapa Elementary School
- 2nd Place: **Sadee Kim**, Holomua Elementary School
- 3rd Place: **Kingston FeBenito**, Holomua Elementary School

#### First through second grade

- 1st Place: **Kaysen Abara**, 2nd Grade, Na'au
- 2nd Place: **Davin Shin**, 2nd Grade, Na'au
- 3rd Place: **Madison Fukagawa**, 1st Grade, Na'au

#### Third through fourth grade

- 1st Place: **Noelle Shimabukuro**, 4th Grade, Mililani Mauka Elementary School
- 2nd Place: **Sue Kiko Carlina Alik**, 4th Grade, Liholiho Elementary School
- 3rd Place: **Alex Sanderson**, 3rd Grade, Na'au

#### Fifth through sixth grade

- 1st Place: **Rayla Galvan**, 6th Grade, Kapolei Middle School
- 2nd Place: **Frances Constantino**, 6th Grade, St. John the Baptist Catholic School

- 3rd Place: **Erika Macaraeg**, 5th Grade, St. John the Baptist Catholic School

### **2014 Water Conservation Week poetry contest place winners:**

#### Seventh through eighth grade

- 1st Place: **Rhesel Rivera**, 7th Grade, St. John the Baptist Catholic School
- 2nd Place: **Jorel Fiesta**, 8th Grade, St. John the Baptist Catholic School
- 3rd Place: **Kyle Constantino**, 8th Grade, St. John the Baptist Catholic School
- 4th Place: **Melton Phillip Jr.**, 7th Grade, St. John the Baptist Catholic School

#### Ninth through tenth grade

- 1st Place: **Brandi Chang**, 9th Grade, Moanalua High School
- 2nd Place: **Aldrin Villahermosa II**, 9th Grade, Na‘au
- 3rd Place: **Jasmine Loo**, 9th Grade, Moanalua High School
- 4th Place: **Maddison Matthews**, 10th Grade, Le Jardin Academy

#### Eleventh through twelfth grade

- 1st Place: **Marc Sibal**, 12th Grade, Radford High School
- 2nd Place: **Rachel Oldham**, 12th Grade, Radford High School
- 3rd Place: **Marquis Davis**, 12th Grade, Radford High School
- 4th Place: **Nicolas Dieckhoner**, 11th Grade, Radford High School

A full list of awards, including Honorable Mention winners, is available at the BWS website:

[www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).

### **About the Board of Water Supply**

The Board of Water Supply (BWS), a semi-autonomous agency of the City and County of Honolulu, manages Oahu’s municipal water resources and distribution system. As the largest water utility in the State, the BWS serves approximately one million customers on Oahu. The BWS embraces its mission of “Water for Life – *Ka Wai Ola*”—to provide a safe, dependable, and affordable water supply, now and into the future. *Uwē ka lani, ola ka honua* – “When the heavens weep, the earth lives.” For more information, visit [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).

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