



SunLine Transit Agency's Unveils 7th Annual Student Art Contest Winning Bus Wraps

SunLine Transit Agency hosted a celebration for three local student winners seeing their artwork larger-than-life wrapped onto a hydrogen fuel cell bus for the first time on November 21, 10:00 a.m.

SunLine Transit Agency kicked off its first Student Art Contest in 2014. It has been a program that not only encourages the submission of student art, but has also been a great way to teach kids about transit as well as SunLine's commitment to clean fuels and contributions to the protection of clean air in the Coachella Valley.

This year's Student Art Contest received 50 entries from students representing 19 local schools. Students were asked to submit entries focused on the art contest's theme, which was "Driving the Future of Sustainability in the Coachella Valley." They were also asked to include buses and landmarks unique to the Coachella Valley.

Sponsors of the 7th Annual Art Contest are IEHP, the City of La Quinta and the City of Palm Desert. The categories were Elementary, Middle and High School.

Separate from the three winning entries that are now wrapped on buses from SunLine's fleet for the next year, finalist entries will be featured on bus shelters around the Coachella Valley. The winners and finalists are as follows:

Elementary School Category

First Place: Hazel Cotton, 5th grade, Amelia Earhart Elementary School

Finalist: Maya Noelle U. Perez, 2nd grade, George Washington Charter School

Finalist: Zachary Lu, Kindergarten, Desert Christian Academy

Middle School Category

First Place: Jasmine Khaligov, 7th grade, John Glenn Middle School

Finalist: James Bradford, 6th grade, Colonel Mitchell Paige Middle School

Finalist: Farah Reagan, 6th grade, La Quinta Middle School

High School Category

First Place: Lily Jones, 10th grade, Palm Valley School

Finalist: Lauren Cruz De Armas, 9th grade, La Quinta High School

Finalist: Leila Ku, 9th grade, Palm Springs High School