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RTC recognizes student winners of annual Earth Day art contest
Artwork of grand prize winners will travel Las Vegas Valley on an RTC transit vehicle for a year

LAS VEGAS – In commemoration of Earth Day, the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) hosted a special awards ceremony to recognize the ten student artists selected by the local community as winners of the Earth Day 2011 Art Contest.

The annual art contest, sponsored by the RTC and Vector Media, invited local students in grades six through 12 to create and submit artwork that celebrates Earth Day as well as the RTC’s sustainability initiative, “quicker, cleaner, greener.”

Students were encouraged to design their original artwork to specifically promote and support the goal of creating a more livable, viable community while incorporating the messages of Earth Day and sustainable transportation.

Over 110 students from eight schools across the valley participated in this year’s contest. At the ceremony, RTC and Vector Media recognized the top ten student artists, including the grand prize winners, Yesenia Maldonado, 17, of West Preparatory School and Dayhana Burns, 16, of Green Valley High School. The artwork of the top two winners, as selected by a community online vote, was unveiled on the outside of an RTC transit vehicle and will travel the valley streets for a year.

The runners-up were also recognized and presented with certificates of achievement. Runners-up included: Vivian Lee, Ah Young Choe and Ashley Caoagas of Advanced Technologies Academy; Tori Cupp and Rachel Dennison of Green Valley High School; Kiersten Huang and Natthakan Sudsa Ngiam of Sandy Valley High School; and Shelby Schroeder of West Career and Technical Academy.

The RTC is the transit authority, transportation planning and streets / highways funding agency, and the regional traffic management agency for Southern Nevada. The RTC’s vision is to provide a safe, convenient and effective regional transportation system that enhances mobility and air quality for citizens and visitors. The RTC encourages residents and visitors to use alternate commute modes to help reduce traffic congestion, clean the air and improve the quality of life in Southern Nevada. For more information, visit rtcsonv.com.

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