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The Recycling Coalition of West Virginia, in collaboration with the West Virginia Solid Waste Management Board, has announced five state-wide winners for the West Virginia Recycles Youth Contest. Winners were chosen from thousands of entries from across the state and can be seen at <http://www.wvrecycles.com/WVAMRREC.htm>.

Winning entries in the coloring contest identified the recyclable and compostable items on a coloring sheet. Gwennie Howe, of Fayetteville, won first place in the kindergarten through first-grade coloring category. Howe is a Girl Scout Troop 1895 member under the direction of troop leader Joy Davis. The first-place winner in the second through third-grade coloring category was Luella Mansheim, a student in Lori Quick's second-grade class at Frankford Elementary School in Greenbrier County. Both first place winners received \$50 gift cards and their scout troop and teacher received \$75 gift cards.

Students in grades four through 12 participated in the "Freedom Contest," which encourages students to express themselves by creating a painting or drawing, writing a poem, composing or recording a song, producing a video, writing an essay, or sculpting something based on a recycling theme. Winners in these three age categories received \$150 gift cards and a companion prize of a \$200 gift card for a designated teacher, school or organization.

Jared Beverage, 10, a student at Hillsboro Elementary in Pocahontas County, won first place in the fourth through sixth-grade category. Beverage researched potential uses for wooden pallets and designed an informational poster describing a proposed pallet house project. Beverage also built a scale-model house which he proposed be built out of discarded wooden pallets.

Jamey West created a colored pencil drawing of the earth being held up by two hands and showing eight children holding hands. West is a seventh-grade student at Short Line Elementary in Reader in Wetzel County.

Sofia Salon's winning high school entry was a video compilation set to Jim Croce's classic hit "Time in a Bottle" and focused on the benefits of recycling and environmental harm in throwing away water bottles and littering issues faced by rural areas. Salon, age 15 is the high school category winner attending St. Francis de Sales in Daniels, WV in Raleigh County.

The goals for the contest are to encourage students to use their creativity and learn about recycling. The West Virginia Recycles campaign features the theme, "It All Comes Back To You." The slogan presents multiple messages: a recycled product or material can return to consumers as another new product; recycling comes back to consumers as an improved environment; and it is everyone's responsibility to recycle.

The Recycling Coalition of West Virginia is a non-profit environmental organization whose mission is to promote the effective and sustainable reduction, reuse and recycling of materials otherwise destined for disposal. The Recycling Coalition pursues these goals through the promotion of purchasing products made with recycled content material; by coordinating and facilitating activities relative to recycling; by fostering communications among organizations, government agencies and individuals through the sharing of ideas and resources.

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Far Left: Sarah Howe, Gwennie Howe (First Place winner in the Kindergarten through First Grade category) and Joy Davis, Leader, Girl Scout Troop # 1895 of Oak Hill in Fayette County.

Left: Luella Mansheim of Frankford Elementary School in Greenbrier County holds her first-place certificate for her winning entry in the second through third grade category.

Winning entry submitted by Jamey West of Short Line Middle School in Wetzel County.



Left, Paul Hayes of Solid Waste Management Board and Recycling Coalition, Jared Beverage, winner in the 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade category of Hillsboro Elementary, and Mary Clendenen of the Pocahontas County Solid Waste Authority

Right, Saint Francis de Sales high school teacher Dr. Emily Meadows, Sofia Salon winner of high school age group, Mrs. Wynne, Principal.

