

2014 NJ Conservation Poster Contest - Mercer County Winners

Theme: Dig Deeper: Mysteries in the Soil



Poster by Michelle Xu, Grade 11, West Windsor
2014 NJ State Grand Champion

"This poster depicts the secrets that are buried under the Earth's surface – from roots to animal burrows to ancient artifacts. The young girl at the top with her bucket and shovel is surrounded by vegetation, animal life and farmland, indicating the cornucopia of things that the different layers of the soil can support and produce. The girl is holding a mound of soil in her hands, observing it as she attempts to dig deeper and to uncover the mysteries in the earth." - Michelle Xu

While the earth was still waking from its winter thaw, students in Mercer County were busy digging deep - into the mysteries of soil - as they discovered the many benefits of healthy soil and created educational posters about soil conservation.

Students in grades 2-12 were invited to participate in the annual NJ Conservation Poster Contest, which is sponsored locally by the Mercer County Soil Conservation District. The Mercer County winners are listed below. To view winners' artwork, please visit www.mercerscd.org/education/contest.htm.

The first place winners advanced to the statewide competition, where three students earned recognition (indicated in parentheses after their names below). These students will receive prizes from the state sponsor, the New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts. Additionally, the poster by Michelle Xu, of West Windsor, was selected as the State Grand Champion. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Mercer County Poster Contest Winners

2nd – 3rd Grade Category

1st Place: Jonathon Tong, West Windsor (1st Place state level)

2nd Place: Sarah Tong, West Windsor

4th – 6th Grade Category

1st Place: Aluen Tomat-Kelly, Lawrenceville (3rd Place state level)

2nd Place: Katherine Cao, Princeton Junction

7th – 9th Grade Category

1st Place: Alisha Patel, East Windsor

2nd Place: Raquel Palacios, Trenton

10th – 12th Grade Category

1st Place: Michelle Xu, West Windsor (1st Place state level)

2nd Place: Robert Austin Huber, Princeton

For information about next year's poster contest, contact the Mercer Co. SCD at 609-586-9603 or visit www.mercerscd.org