

# Press Release

## *Soil & Water Conservation District recognizes local, Area & State winners for Conservation contests*

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Thursday, April 21, 2016 was a special night for some talented 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in Franklin County Schools. Each of these young folks were in attendance at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District Awards Program. During this program, each student was recognized on stage and received a cash award for their achievement in the annual District Poster, Essay and Computer Designed Power Point Contests. Hosted again by Terrell Lane Middle School, the program was co-emceed by District Board Chairman Tom Gulley and District Board member Charles Mitchell.

The yearly contest always focuses on an environmental subject. The theme for this year's contest was 'We All Live In A Watershed'. Twenty-seven third – sixth grade students received awards totaling \$670. Each 1<sup>st</sup> place school winner was awarded \$20, 2<sup>nd</sup> place received \$15 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place received \$10. Five students were selected as top county winners and received an additional \$50 prize. County winners automatically advanced to the Area IV competition to contend with 1<sup>st</sup> place winners from Johnston, Durham, Wake, Warren, Halifax, Nash, Edgecombe, Vance, Granville, Wilson and Johnston counties.

In the Poster contest, local school winners in grades three through six were **Lilly Alford, Scarlett Allen, Anna Arrington, Jonathan Burgess, Sage Daughtridge, Andrew Dudash, Camille Efters, Grace Garrett, Hunter Godwin, Brady Groves, Jackson Gupton, Mayra Juarez Benitez, Brianna Keys, Erin McRae, Makayla Mayton, Emma Owens, Jasmin Padgett, Amber Phelps, Elijah Smith, Hallie Stephenson, Carleigh Tingen, Ashtyn Turner and Lance Williams**. 6<sup>th</sup> grade school winners in the Essay Contest were **Riley Huffman, Carolina Morales-Hernandez and Blair Hamilton**. 6<sup>th</sup> grade school winner in the Computer Designed Power Point contest was **Madelyn Bassett**.

County winners were **Grace Garrett, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; Sage Daughtridge, 4<sup>th</sup> grade; Jackson Gupton, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Riley Huffman, 6<sup>th</sup> grade (Essay) and Madelyn Bassett, 6<sup>th</sup> grade (Computer Designed Power Point)**. Of these, **Grace Garrett, Sage Daughtridge and Riley Huffman** were surprised to learn that they had also won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Area IV contest. **Jackson Gupton** was a second place Area IV winner. Area IV winners received \$100 for 1<sup>st</sup> place and \$50 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place.



3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 1-r, Erin McRae, Andrew Dudash, Hallie Stephenson, Jasmin Padgett, Grace Garrett (not pictured Jonathan Burgess)



4<sup>th</sup> grade: 1-r, Scarlett Allen, Elijah Smith, Hunter Godwin, Sage Daughtridge, Lilly Alford, Ashtyn Turner



5th grade: 1-r, Lance Williams, Jackson Gupton, Amber Phelps, Makayla Mayton, Mayra Juarez Benitez, Brianna Keys, Carleigh Tingen, Camille Ethers (not pictured Emma Owens)



6<sup>th</sup> grade Essay winners, 1-r Carolina Morales-Hernandez, Blair Hamilton (not pictured Riley Huffman)



6<sup>th</sup> grade Computer Designed Power Point, Madelyn Bassett

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