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STUDENTS' WINNING ARTWORK FILL 2020 MDAQMD CALENDAR

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The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District's (MDAQMD) official 2020 Calendar is a certifiable display of creativity, talent and critical-thinking skills of a dozen local students.

The calendar's pages feature winning submissions from local students in MDAQMD's annual Clean Air Month Poster Contest. This year's theme, "A Flair for Clean Air," prompted young artists to create an original drawing that shows simple changes people can make in their every-day lives to reduce air pollution and promote the benefits of clean air. Representatives from contest cosponsors and MDAQMD staff viewed submissions and voted on winners based on originality, creativity, artistic display and alliance to the contest theme.

Winners were awarded at first, second and third place in four categories: kindergarten to second grade, third to fifth grade, sixth to eighth grade and ninth through 12th grade.

"This contest continues to be a community favorite year after year, and most importantly it achieves one of the Air District's primary goals, which is to educate our future leaders on the importance of reducing air pollution," said Brad Poiriez, Executive Director of the MDAQMD.

Calendars are available for free at the district's headquarters, 14306 Park Ave. in Victorville. Residents are invited to stop by and pick up a copy during business hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays (closed alternating Fridays).

MDAQMD hosts the annual Clean Air Month Poster Contest, cosponsored by the Mojave Environmental Educational Consortium, the Victor Valley Transit Authority and the Air and Waste Management Association's Mojave Desert Chapter of the West Coast Section. The contest is open to students in grades K-12 who attend school within the MDAQMD boundaries.

MDAQMD is the air pollution control authority and permitting agency for the High Desert portion of San Bernardino County and the Palo Verde Valley in Riverside County. It's governed by a board of 13 members representing nine incorporated municipalities and two counties within its boundaries. Visit mdaqmd.ca.gov or follow @MDAQMD on social media.

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