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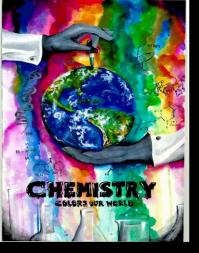
CCSD High School Poster Contest Awards

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October 22, 2022
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A Southern Nevada Section ACS event Hosted at the Flamingo Hotel and Casino

Las Vegas, Nevada

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The 2022 Clark County
School District High School
Chemistry Poster Contest
"Fabulous Fibers: The
Chemistry of Fabrics."

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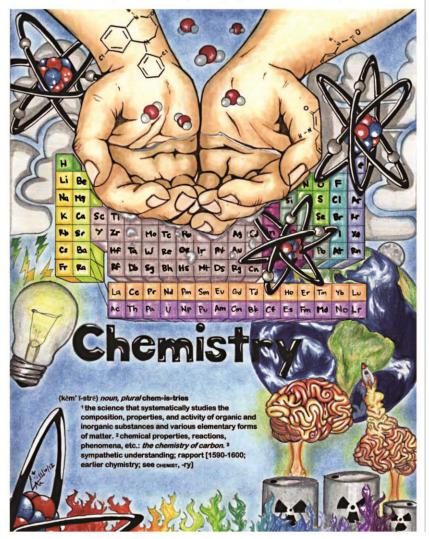
Through its annual **POSTER CONTEST**, the ACS Southern Nevada Section inspires students to explore the power of chemistry

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IF YOU'RE A FAN of the idea of promoting science through art, you may be intrigued by a burgeoning program set up by the American Chemical Society's Southern Nevada Section.

When brainstorming imaginative ways

to celebrate the International Year of Chemistry in 2011, the section decided to sponsor a chemistry-themed poster contest for area high school students. Not only was the competition successful from the get-go, but it has now morphed into an an-





nual event that continues to influence the local community.

Currently gearing up for its third year, the contest has inspired talented young artists to produce posters that vividly illustrate concepts such as basic chemical principles and chemistry's broad application in fields as diverse as pharmaceuticals

FIRST PLACE Christy Adaya, grade 12, Shadow Ridge High School, Las Vegas. and alternative energy.
Most important, it has
served as an effective
outreach tool, drawing
interest from students
who might not otherwise
ponder the power and
benefits of chemistry,

observes Roger Rennels, the section's public relations chair, who came up with the contest idea.

As the section set out to launch the contest in 2011, it drew heavily on the resources of the local public school district. The Clark County School District's School-Community Partnership Program and its assistant director, Judy



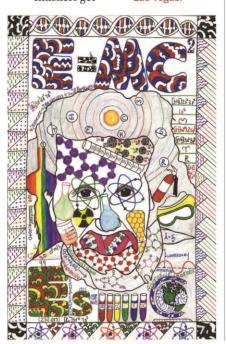
THIRD PLACE Rileigh Sorenson, grade 12, Foothill High School, Henderson, Nev.

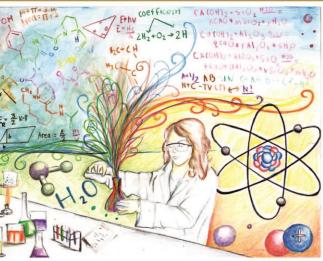
Myers, provided critical guidance and help implementing the project. For example, Myers encouraged the section to limit the contest to high school students to control costs, and she provided information about successful contests held in the district in the past, which helped the section structure its poster contest and define its rules.

More specifically, Myers advised the section to offer cash prizes, for students as well as for the teachers who sponsor the winning posters, as a way to maximize the number of contest entrants, Rennels says. More than 200 students participated in 2012.

First-place student winners receive \$500, and second- and third-place finishers get

RUNNER-UP Yoseph Hobe, grade 10, Rancho High School, Las Vegas.





SECOND PLACE Ashlev

Armenta, grade 9,

Southeast Career

Technical Academy,

RUNNER-UP Deborah Diaz, grade 9, Southeast Career Technical Academy, Las Vegas.

Rennels believes

that the high school poster contest has been effective in sparking curiosity about chemistry among

sparking curiosity about chemistry among students. Recently, an art teacher told him that many of her students who were participating in the contest frequently

> went across the hall to talk with the chemistry teacher about chemistry. "And that," Rennels says, "is something many of these students would never have done if not for this contest."

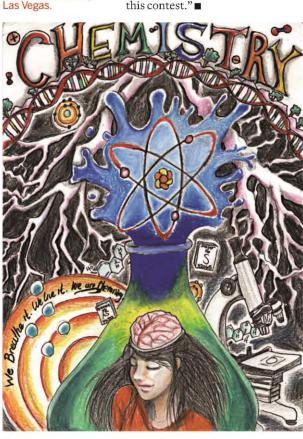
\$250 and \$100, respectively. In addition, each sponsoring teacher wins half of the amount that his or her student receives. In addition, in 2012, the top eight stu-

dent runners-up each received \$25 gift cards, which were donated by VWR International, a laboratory supply and distribution company.

Rennels, along with fellow Southern Nevada Section executive committee members Onofrio (Dick) Gaglione and Kazumasa (Kaz) Lindley, serves as a judge for the contest.

To further enhance its outreach power during the most recent awards ceremony, the section invited undergraduate and graduate students to present research posters that they had entered in another contest the section sponsors, Rennels says. Through this effort, he explains, "we wanted to share the high school students' posters with the greater chemical community in southern Nevada, and we wanted the high school students to see how the college students' posters are used to convey scientific knowledge."





See more of the dynamic, chemistry-focused posters that garnered contest honors at http://cenm.ag/ poster.

Contest History:

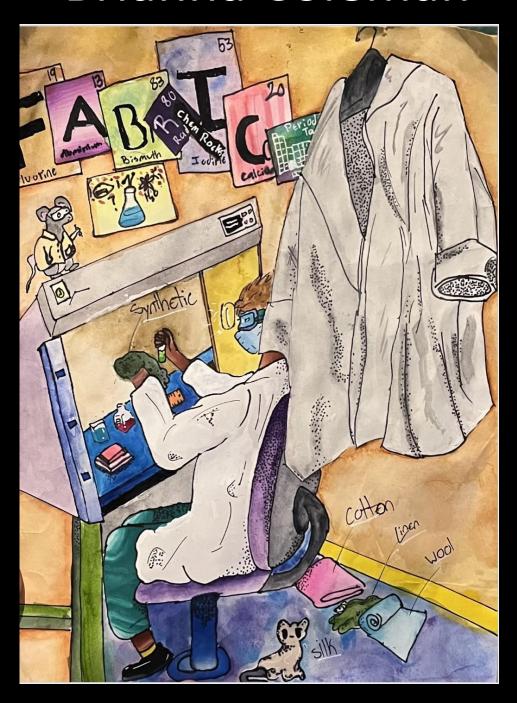
 Began in 2011 – (International Year of Chemistry)

Over 1200 High School Students
 & Teachers Have Participated

Over \$12,000 in Prizes Annually

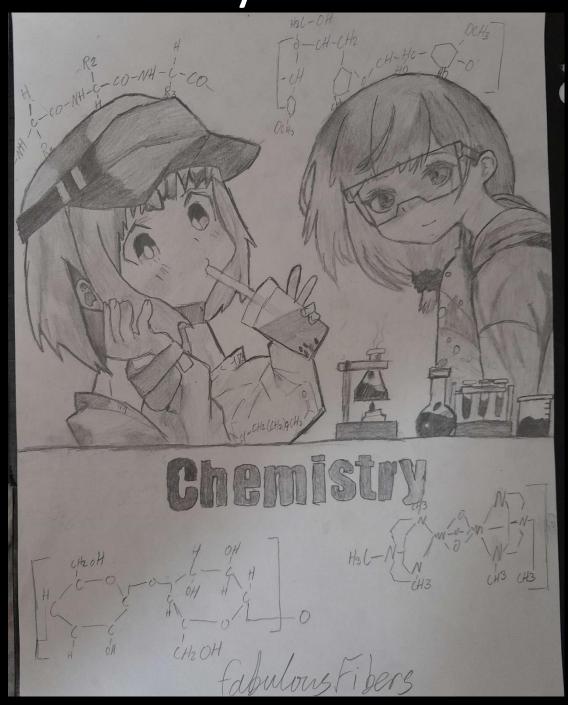
Runner Ups

Brianna Coleman



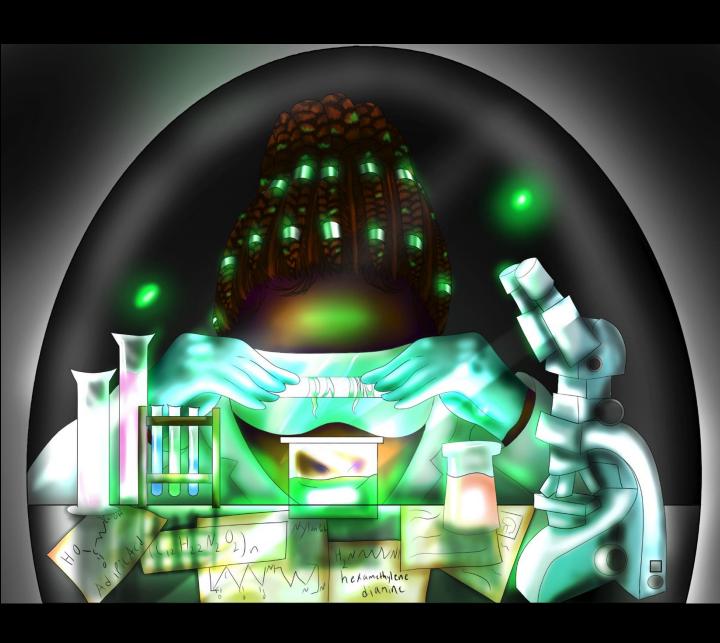
Synthetic Fabric

Ely Chiu



Cool Drink

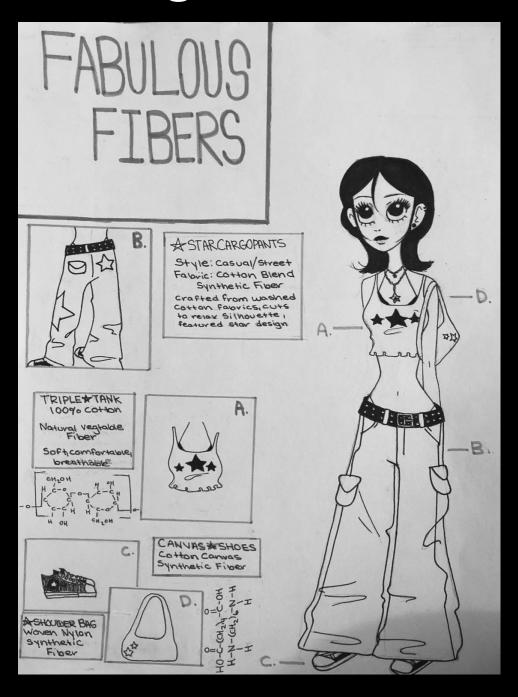
Nila Ybarra



Creating Nylon

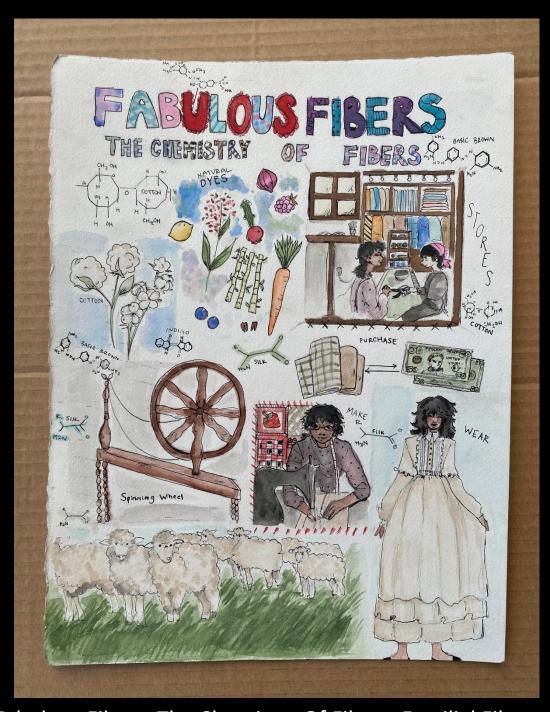
Veterans Tribute CTA HS (Marc Luu)

Abigail Vertiz



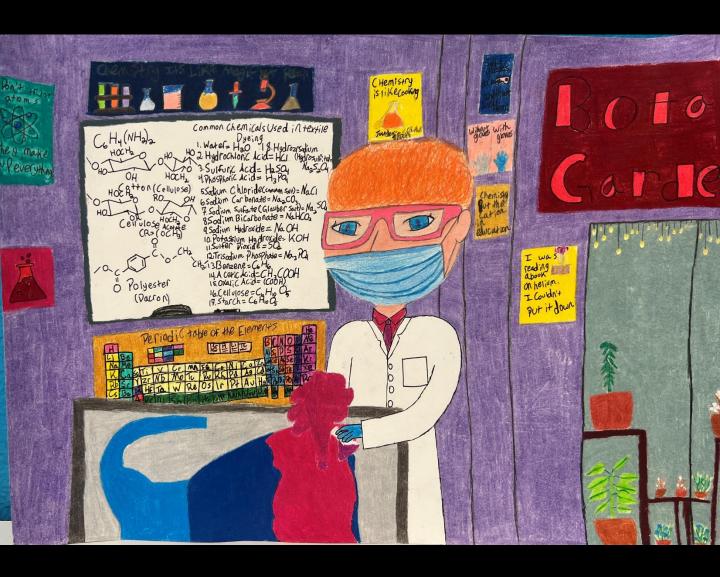
Fabulous Fabric Design

Itsi Huerta



Fabulous Fibers: The Chemistry Of Fibers, Familial Fibers

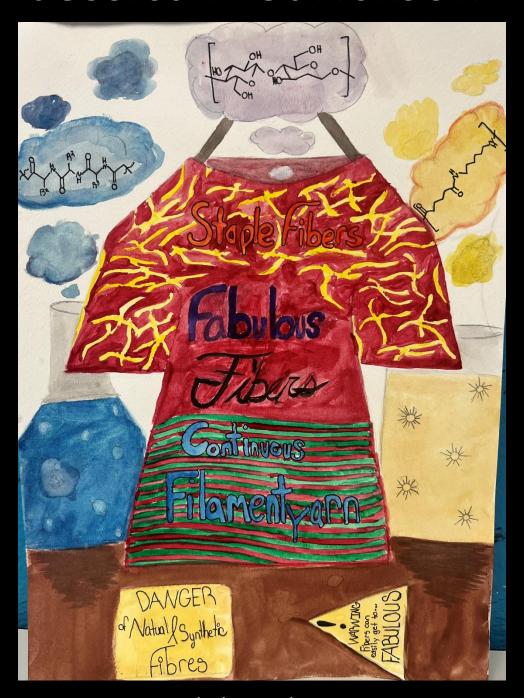
Raven Sharpe



Color Changing Fabrics

Foothill HS (Sarah Eames)

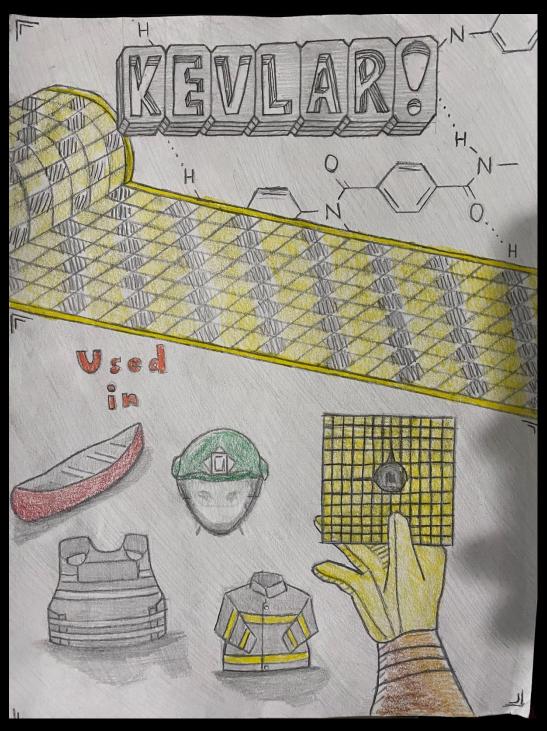
Jessica Fredrickson



Fabulous Fabrics

Foothill HS (Sarah Eames)

David Hernandez Borquez



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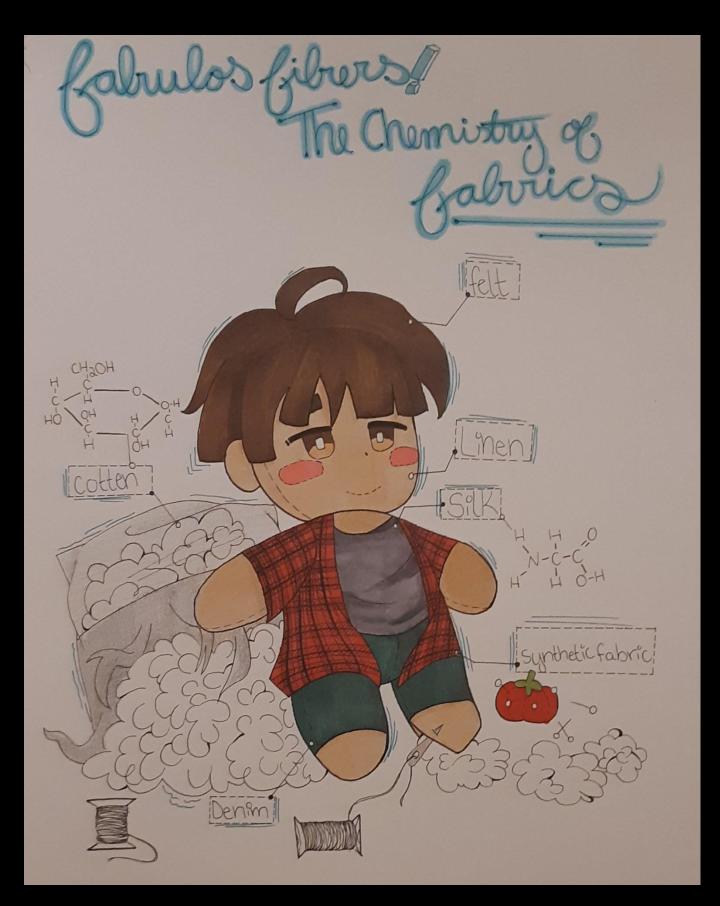
Third Place

Brinyn Levi



Second Place

Naomi Flores



First Place

Vincent Ancheta



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