

Southwest Georgia Section Celebrates Earth Day with Illustrated Poem Contest

The Southwest Georgia Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS) invited students in the area to submit illustrated poems to their Spring Contest: Chemists Celebrate Earth Day 2012: Rethinking Recycling – It's Easy to be Green. The topics for the poems were recyclable materials, green chemistry, and reduction of greenhouse gases, pollution, and waste among others. Seven schools submitted works in 4 categories and the winners were determined with the help of faculty from the Chemistry Department of Valdosta State University on April 5, 2012. The best poem awards and \$50 prizes went to:

- a) Roberto Montiel from St. John School (K-2nd grade);
- b) Savannah James from W. G. Nunn Elementary School (3rd-5th grades);
- c) Miriaam Conrad from St. John School (6th-8th grades); and
- d) Madison Nix from Valdosta High School (9th-12th grade).

The best poems will represent the local section in the national contest in Washington, DC. The awards will be presented during the Earth Day Celebration on April 21 at 11 am in Drexel Park of Valdosta, GA in the Southwest Georgia Section ACS booth.

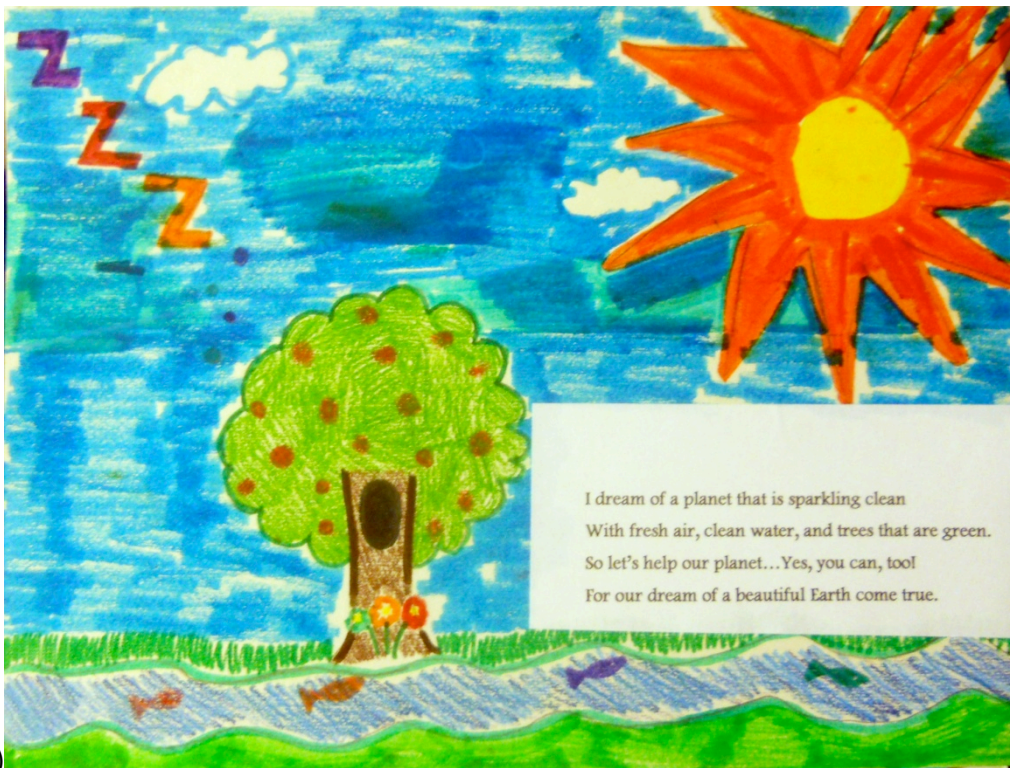
Honorary mention diplomas were awarded to:

Roshjae Howard (4th) from Quitman Elementary School
Emiliana Rodriguez (4th) from St. John School
Olivia Cox (7th) and Joyce Ro (8th) from Valwood School
Quashayla Bradshaw (10th) and Mark Garren (11th) from Valdosta High School

Participation diplomas were given to the 174 students who submitted entries. For more information about the ACS local section community outreach activities contact: Prof. Linda de la Garza at ldelagarza@valdosta.edu or (229) 333-5798.



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