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**THREE KENTUCKY STUDENTS WIN PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK POSTER CONTEST**  
*Education Commissioner Lewis & Personnel Cabinet Secretary Stephens present winning artwork highlighting public service*

**LEXINGTON, Ky. (May 9, 2019)** – Three Kentucky Students, of three age groups, won the 2019 Public Service Recognition Week Poster Contest. Personnel Cabinet Secretary Thomas B. Stephens and Education Commissioner Wayne D. Lewis awarded first, second and third place winners in a ceremony held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington Thursday.

“Public service isn’t just a job, it’s a true calling, and for that we’re grateful. To see the work and dedication of civil servants through the eyes of a child is a gift for all,” Secretary Stephens said. “We are excited to honor our employees and award this talented group of students in the Commonwealth.”

The three first place winners were:

- Maya Muñoz (6-9 years old age group), Southwest Calloway Elementary School, Murray, KY
- Mahayla Mounce (10-13 years old age group), Meese Middle School, Somerset, KY
- Brooklyn McAlister (14-18 years old age group), West Jessamine Middle School, Nicholasville, KY

Six other students from across the state took home the second and third place prizes in their respective age groups for art submissions.

“We thank the teachers, parents and family members who passionately support and encourage these students in their exploration of art,” Commissioner Lewis said. “I’m proud to say we had the opportunity to have more than 1,200 students representing 100 schools enter. Congratulations to our winners!”



First place winners were awarded \$50.00 and a metal printing of their artwork. Second and third place winners were awarded a wooden plaque of their art and \$25.00 (second place) or \$10.00 (third place).

You can view the winning artworks [here](#).

For a full list of winners, their schools and hometown, please see below (also in link):

**Age Group: 6-9**

First Place: Maya Muñoz - Southwest Calloway Elementary School, Murray, KY

Second Place: Cooper James Bradley - Jackson Independent School, Jackson, KY

Third Place: Lindsey Rae Styer - Wrigley Elementary School, West Liberty, KY

**Age Group: 10-13**

First Place: Mahayla Mounce - Meese Middle School, Somerset, KY

Second Place: David Johnson - Sinking Fork Elementary School, Hopkinsville, KY

Third Place: Kayln Capps - Southwest Calloway Elementary School, Murray, KY

**Age Group: 14-18**

First Place: Brooklyn McAlister - West Jessamine Middle School, Nicholasville, KY

Second Place: Cheyenne Aaron - Monroe County High School, Tompkinsville, KY

Third Place: Katie Ostroske - West Jessamine Middle School, Nicholasville, KY

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**About the Public Service Recognition Poster Contest:**

The poster contest is part of Public Service Recognition Week in Kentucky, being held May 5-11. A national celebration that began in 1985, the week is set aside to honor the men and women who serve as federal, state, county and local government employees.

*1st Place, Maya Muñoz (6-9 year age group)*