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## **Winners Announced in State Poster Contest on Forests**

(Harrisburg, PA) —The Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2024 “May the Forest Be with You Always” statewide poster contest.

To promote the importance of clean water, students from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade entered posters conveying their thoughts and ideas through original artwork.

“This year, students expressed the value of forests in their poster contest submissions. These young people were creative in expressing the role of forests in sustaining life on Earth,” said Brenda Shambaugh, PACD Executive Director.

The winners and the county conservation district that submitted the posters are:

**Category: Kindergarten through First Grade**

- Kaelyn Duncan, Greene County Conservation District

**Category: Second through Third Grades**

- Jion Kim, Delaware County Conservation District

**Category: Fourth through Sixth Grades**

- Alekhya Doddapaneni, Allegheny County Conservation District

**Category: Seventh through Ninth Grades**

- Kinley Farabaugh, Cambria County Conservation District

**Category: Tenth through Twelfth Grades**

- Halena Nguyen, Delaware County Conservation District



**Category: Tenth through Twelfth Grades – Digital Poster**

- Kira Dillon, Cambria County Conservation District

Each state-level winner will be submitted for judging in the upcoming national competition this winter. The national contest is sponsored by the National Association of Conservation Districts. Visit <https://www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/stewardship-and-education-materials/contests/> for more information.

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