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Winners Announced in State Poster Contest on Healthy Forests

(Harrisburg, PA) —The Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2021 “Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities” statewide poster contest.

To promote the importance of trees, students from kindergarten through 12th grade entered posters conveying their thoughts and ideas through original artwork.

“Trees remove air pollution and help clean our water. Trees also help reduce the effects of climate change by absorbing carbon.,” said Brenda Shambaugh, PACD Executive Director. “The posters express the many ways healthy trees are essential to healthy communities.”

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

Category: Kindergarten through First Grade

- Cora Petrunak, Lehigh County Conservation District

Category: Second through Third Grades

- Riley Thomas, Cambria County Conservation District

Category: Fourth through Sixth Grades

- Brock Warton, Cambria County Conservation District

Category: Seventh through Ninth Grades

- Evelyn Warner, Cambria County Conservation District

Category: Tenth through Twelfth Grades



- Kathryn Polstra, Columbia 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/2021-healthy-forests-healthy-communities> for more information.

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