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Winners Announced in State Poster Contest on Healthy Soil

(Harrisburg, PA) —The Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2022 “Healthy Soil: Healthy Life” statewide poster contest.

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

“Soil health is an important topic for students to learn about. Farmers take good care of the soil on their land. Then, healthy soil grows the healthy food we need to have a healthy life,” said Brenda Shambaugh, PACD Executive Director.

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

Category: Kindergarten through First Grade

- William Petrunak, Lehigh County Conservation District

Category: Second through Third Grades

- Rishwita Bhavirisetti, Delaware County Conservation District

Category: Fourth through Sixth Grades

- Grace Petrunak, Lehigh County Conservation District

Category: Seventh through Ninth Grades

- Philip Polstra, Columbia County Conservation District

Category: Tenth through Twelfth Grades

- Eric Chen, Bucks 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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