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Grand Prize Winners Have Been Announced for the *Amgen Tour of California* Youth Art Contest

Throughout the months of December and January, Paso Robles art students were busy learning about dynamic images, speed, symmetry and color in preparation for one of the most exciting events ever to come to Paso Robles – the Amgen Tour of California. By incorporating elements of the Educational Handbook provided by the organizers of the bike race, volunteer art docents in the Paso Robles public schools were able to incorporate bicycling images into their weekly art program and encourage the students to submit their art to the Youth Art Contest in hopes of winning the grand prize – a brand new bike. 54 local students submitted their artwork throughout the month of January and the winners have been chosen. The top 3 art submissions from each grade level (3rd, 4th and 5th grade students were eligible) will receive a medal, courtesy of Recognition Works in Atascadero, and the first place winner in each grade will receive a brand new bike, courtesy of K-Man Cyclery in Paso Robles. Each winning art submission is currently on display in Paso Robles downtown merchants' windows.

The winners are:

3rd Grade

- 1st Place – Nico Delgado, on display at Alliance Board Co., 1233 Park
- 2nd Place – Harmony Lloyd, on display at Alliance Board Co., 1233 Park
- 3rd Place – Nydia Chavez, on display at Divine Style and Soles, 1325 Park

4th Grade

- 1st Place – Virian Marlow, on display at Julia's Flowers and Gifts at 835 12th
- 2nd Place – Juleisy Rivera, on display at McLintock's, 1234 Park
- 3rd Place – Briana Miller, on display at McLintock's, 1234 Park

5th Grade

- 1st Place – Jennifer Lauderdale, on display at Vic's Café, 841 13th
- 2nd Place – Josh Potter, on display at Park Cinemas, 1100 Pine
- 3rd Place – Valya Madden, on display at Park Cinemas, 1100 Pine

The judging of the art contest was done by Sue Taylor, Jeanne Aird and the Paso Robles Art Association. The bikes and medals will be given to the winners on Race Day, Thursday, February 19 at 2:00 pm on the entertainment stage in city park, which will be located just north of the playground area. For more information on the art contest or art docent program, please contact Sheldon Smith at 805.610.2372. For more information about the Amgen Tour of California, go to www.prcity.com.



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