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Cario Middle Student Wins State Stamp Competition

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Charleston, SC — Thomas C. Cario Middle School and Charleston County School District (CCSD) are excited to announce eighth grader Olivia Wingo as the 2017 South Carolina Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest champion. She recently won Best of Show in the 24th annual statewide competition.

Wingo's illustration "Dawn" will be part of the 2017-2018 National Junior Duck Stamp competition, which will take place in Charleston on April 21, 2017. She used colored pencil to draw a female canvasback (duck).

"With nearly 300 entries in four different age groups for this year's contest, the judges had their work cut out for them," said Jimmy Huggins, Southeastern Wildlife Exposition (SEWE) President and Chief Executive Officer. "All entries are judged by artistic ability and technique, as well as the subject's habitat and anatomy. Olivia's canvasback excelled in all those areas and came out on top."

The following CCSD students placed in this year's competition (there are three winners per place in each group, and 12 honorable mentions in each group):

Group IV (Grades 10-12)

First place

Rose Holstein, Wando High

Third place

Destiny Denu, James Island Charter High

Nancy Sterrett, James Island Charter High

Group III (Grades 7-9)

First place

Olivia Wingo (Best of Show), Cario Middle

Abigail O'Donnell, Cario Middle

Second place

Emma Heesen, James Island Charter High

Amelia Rankin, Cario Middle

Third place

Will Chase, Cario Middle

Landry Wolverton, Cario Middle

Honorable Mention - Mersina Argyropais, Morgan Flanders, Sarah Frankel, Matthew McFarland, Daniel Wannamaker, Sarah Ann Whalen, and Caroline Whitley (all Cario Middle)

Group II (Grades 4-6)

First place

Leaton Nuttall, Cario Middle

Second place

Kelsey Bennett, Cario Middle

Bella Immelman, Cario Middle

Aden Pugsley, Cario Middle

Third place

Madison Ciccone, Cario Middle

Honorable Mention - Rowan Johnson, Addison Junkins, Maria Remon, Emma Sanders, Emma Tiberian, and Julia Zimmerman (all Cario Middle)

Along with the Best of Show honor, Wingo's drawing will be printed on a giclee (a canvas-like photo replica of her illustration) and auctioned off at the East Cooper Ducks Unlimited Oyster Roast on Friday, February 17, 2017, as part of next week's SEWE in Charleston. She will receive a portion of the proceeds in the form of a scholarship.

"This piece represents the passion and creativity of Cario's students," described Cario Middle School Principal, Sharon Randall. "Olivia Wingo is an example of the greatness we see here every day. We thank our art teacher, Ms. Stefani Timmerman, for her expertise in fostering such great talent."

Wingo, along with the rest of the first, second, and third place finishers from Group III, will attend a special workshop with world renowned wildlife painters at SEWE as well.

To view the gallery of entries from all of those who placed at the state level, please visit:

https://www.flickr.com/photos/sewe_chas/sets/72157675916409624

All of the award-winning work will be on display at the Main Branch of the Charleston County Library on Calhoun Street for the entire month of February.

For more information on Wingo's accomplishment, or the Junior Duck Stamp competition, please contact Mary Roberts with SEWE at (843) 723-1748.

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 schools and several specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, charter, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), and Montessori schools, and is divided into three Learning Communities led by associate superintendents. Options include specialized programs in science, engineering and mathematics; liberal arts; music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military and other public service enterprises.