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Secretary of State Announces Great Seal Contest Winners

CHEYENNE, WY – Wyoming Secretary of State Ed Buchanan announced today the winners of his Office's "Great Seal Contest." The Contest commemorates the 125th year Anniversary of the Great Seal of the State of Wyoming. The Secretary of State is the custodian of the Great Seal under the Wyoming Constitution, and the Contest encouraged students to learn about the Seal's design and creation, and its important place in Wyoming's history.

"The Great Seal of the State of Wyoming is 125 years old this year. I am so impressed that to celebrate this anniversary, my Office received hundreds of entries as part of our Great Seal Contest. It was fantastic to see all that our Great Seal represents including 'Equal Rights' and the pillars of our state's economy – mining and agriculture – brought into Wyoming classrooms for the Seal's 125th Anniversary. I congratulate the winners and every student that participated, and I hope to visit some of the participating classes before the end of the school year," said Secretary Buchanan.

The contest consisted of two separate competitions. Students in kindergarten through 3rd grade were asked to color the Seal; and students in 4th and 5th grade designed their own Seal to represent what Wyoming means to them. Each entry was judged on a certain criteria. "First Place," "Second Place," "Third Place," and "Secretary's Choice Award" were awarded in each competition. Every entry that was chosen as an "Honorable Mention" from the two contests is eligible for the "Fan Favorite Award." The winners of this award will be determined by the public on the Secretary of State's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/wyosos>. Every award recipient will receive a set of stickers featuring their winning Seal.

The Great Seal is used to represent the sovereign authority of the State of Wyoming. The Seal's design includes a woman in the center holding a banner proclaiming 'Equal Rights,' symbolizing Wyoming as the first government to grant to women the right to vote and to hold office. On top of the pillars rest lamps from which burn the Light of Knowledge and scrolls encircling the two pillars bear the words 'Oil,' 'Mines,' 'Livestock,' and 'Grain.'

To learn more about the Great Seal and to view an archive of historical documents, visit the Secretary of State's website at: <http://soswy.state.wy.us/Services/GreatSeal.aspx>.

A list of contest winners can be found below.

[WINNING ENTRIES:](#)

(Click the blue link above to view the winning entries)

"Color Your Seal"

Winners

Secretary's Choice Award - Eleanor Aanerud - Sage Elementary - Rock Springs, WY
1st Place - Haidyn Sisson - West Elementary - Wheatland, WY
2nd Place - Anderson Ostlund - Stocktrail Elementary - Gillette, WY
3rd Place - Ashley Herreras - Stagecoach Elementary - Rock Springs, WY

Honorable Mentions & "Fan Favorite Award" Finalists

Dildine Elementary - Apollo Vigil - Cheyenne, WY
Dildine Elementary - Alexis-Hope Kistler - Cheyenne, WY
Hulett Elementary - Gabby Jordan - Hulett, WY
Moorcroft K8 - Ana Lopez - Moorcroft, WY
Mountain View K8 - Dillon Short - Mountain View, WY
Wagonwheel Elementary - Alexander Mills - Gillette, WY
West Elementary - McKayla Ferguson - Wheatland, WY
Westridge Elementary - Ryann Clark - Rock Springs, WY
Sunset Elementary - Kaden Kraft - Cody, WY

"Create Your Seal"

Winners

Secretary's Choice Award - Thomas Kukowski - Kaycee School - Kaycee, WY
1st Place - Mikayla Dockter - Monroe Intermediate School - Green River, WY
2nd Place - Grace Gomez - Monroe Intermediate School - Green River, WY
3rd Place - William McKade Duncan - Monroe Intermediate School - Green River, WY

Honorable Mentions & "Fan Favorite Award" Finalists

Henderson Elementary - Bradley McCurdy - Cheyenne, WY
Kaycee School - Bailee Alger - Kaycee, WY
Monroe Intermediate School - Marina Amor-de la Riva - Green River, WY
Monroe Intermediate School - Chacee Shiner - Green River, WY
Monroe Intermediate School - Taycie Fox - Green River, WY
Monroe Intermediate School - Addison Demaret - Green River, WY
Monroe Intermediate School - Conner Harcourt - Green River, WY
Rawhide Elementary - Yahir Raya - Gillette, WY
Rawhide Elementary - Rachael Sowsley - Gillette, WY
Trail Elementary - Kailani J. Olson - Torrington, WY
West Elementary - True Kowlok - Wheatland, WY
West Elementary - Ashlyn Streets - Wheatland, WY

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