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## **Winners, Runners-Up Announced for Water Supply's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Keiki Water Conservation Poster Contest**

**HAWAII ISLAND** – Hawai'i Island public school students, charter school students, private school students, and a homeschooler displayed their water conservation knowledge and artistic creativity in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Keiki Water Conservation Poster Contest held by the Department of Water Supply (DWS), County of Hawai'i.

Open to K-6 students, the contest drew more than 200 entries. “*Water is Life*” was the contest theme to emphasize the importance of conserving drinking water to protect and preserve the island's most precious resource now and for future generations. The Department's mission is to provide customers with an adequate and continuous supply of safe drinking water in a financially responsible manner.

Poster entries were judged, and a winner and runner-up from each grade level were awarded prizes and recognition. DWS extends its appreciation to all the students and their teachers for taking the time to participate. Please visit [www.hawaiidws.org/dws-water-conservation-poster-contest-2024/](http://www.hawaiidws.org/dws-water-conservation-poster-contest-2024/) to view all the poster entries.

Congratulations to the following keiki for sharing their amazing artworks:

### **Kindergarten:**

**Winner:** **Apollo Van Brunt**, Innovations Public Charter School  
Teacher: Catherine Hawkins

**Runner-Up:** **Peyton Botelho**, Christian Liberty Academy  
Teacher: Ann Lorenzo

### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade:**

**Winner:** **Everest Aragon**, Hawai'i Preparatory Academy  
Teacher: Alexandra Hustace

**Runner-Up:** **Ezra Hernandez**, Christian Liberty Academy  
Teacher: Ann Lorenzo

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:**

**Winner:** **Kota Bonk**, Waimea Elementary  
Teacher: Georgianne Lawson

**Runner-Up:** **Jack Olson**, Homeschooler  
Parent: Patricia Olson

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:**

**Winner:** **Ava Rose**, Hawai'i Preparatory Academy  
Teacher: Julia Noe, Alexandra Hustace

**Runner-Up:** **Thaddeus Peralta**, Christian Liberty Academy  
Teacher: Ann Lorenzo

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

**Winner:** **India Aragon**, Hawai'i Preparatory Academy  
Teacher: Alexandra Hustace

**Runner-Up:** **Maddison Rose Rasse**, Waiākeawaena Elementary  
Teacher: Myongshin Bolema

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

**Winner:** **Auri Taise**, Waiākeawaena Elementary  
Teacher: Lane Matsuura

**Runner-Up:** **Ayano Noguchi**, Waiākeawaena Elementary  
Teacher: Lane Matsuura

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

**Winner:** **MJ Nacorda**, Kea'au Middle  
Teacher: Andrea Medrano

**Runner-Up:** **Michaela-Rose Marsh**, Kea'au Middle  
Teacher: Andrea Medrano

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