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Drop Savers Water Conservation Contest Winners (NB)

To reach future generations and spread the water conservation message, the annual Florida Section of the American Water Works Association (FSAWWA) Drop Savers Poster Contest is sponsored by GRU to help teach local youth about the importance of conserving our most valuable resource - water. Amazed by the creativity displayed by the participating students, the audience at the Drinking Water Taste Test had a difficult time choosing this year's winners.

First, second and third place winners were selected from each class division:

1st Place:

- Division 1: Elena Westling (1st Grade) - Ms. Whitehead's class, Littlewood Elementary
- Division 2: Dylan Fitzpatrick (2nd Grade) - Ms. Teague's class, JJ Finley Elementary
- Division 3: Chiarra Tumminia (5th Grade)- Ms. Merritt's class, JJ Finley Elementary
- Division 4: Anthony Madorsky (6th Grade) - Dr. Winant's class, Howard Bishop Middle School
- Division 5: Victoria Collins (12th Grade) - Ms. Paxson's class, Gainesville High School

2nd Place:

- Division 1: Sumari Botes (1st Grade) - Ms. Whitehead's class, Littlewood Elementary
- Division 2: Zoe Sumerlin (2nd Grade) - Ms. Teague's class, JJ Finley Elementary
- Division 3: Alvaro Munoz-González (4th Grade) - Ms. Merritt's class, JJ Finley Elementary
- Division 4: Bea C. (7th Grade) - Ms. Wheeler's class, Westwood Middle School
- Division 5: Mary Beth Taylor (12th Grade) - Ms. Paxson's class, Gainesville High School

3rd Place:

- Division 1: Aiden Ostrov (Kindergarten) - Ms. Whitehead's class, Littlewood Elementary
- Division 2: Amara Hochman (2nd Grade) - Ms. Teague's class, JJ Finley Elementary
- Division 3: Alison Lind (4th Grade) - Ms. Meyers's class, Meadowbrook Elementary
- Division 4: Eden Ivines (7th Grade) - Ms. Wheeler's class, Westwood Middle School
- Division 5: Sarina Steffen (11th Grade) - Ms. Paxson's class, Gainesville High School

From those winners, the five first place posters were entered into the state-wide FSAWWA competition. Three won at the state level: Dylan placed 2nd, Anthony placed 2nd and Victoria placed 3rd and they will be receiving Amazon gift cards from FSAWWA.

In support and recognition of the winning poster contributors, GRU and FSAWWA is providing parties to the winning classes and recognizing the teachers involved in helping educate the students in the value of water conservation.

The fiscal impact is less than \$1,000. The funds were budgeted in the Water & Wastewater Systems Operations & Maintenance Budget as part of the GRU water conservation education efforts, which are required as part of our consumptive use permit.

The City Commission recognize local student winners from the Drop Savers Water Conservation Poster Contest.