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Arizona Department of Education Announces Student Winners of *Arizona: A brilliant kaleidoscope of color, form and design* Visual Arts Competition

Phoenix, AZ, January 11, 2013– Today, the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) announced the student winners of the ***Arizona: A brilliant kaleidoscope of color, form and design*** visual arts competition at an awards ceremony held at the Department’s offices located at 2005 N. Central Avenue in Phoenix.

“I would like to commend our winners for these outstanding examples of art inspired by Arizona’s brilliant visual imagery” said Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal. “Student artwork helps remind us at the Department of Education that students are our ultimate end user. These beautiful works inspire us to do our best every day for our state’s students and their schools, and reminds us of what an asset every child is for Arizona.”

The ***Arizona: A brilliant kaleidoscope of color, form and design*** competition is a celebration of what makes Arizona kaleidoscopic and visually vibrant in nature – its places, its peoples, its history and its future. Students were invited to find what is most colorful about Arizona, and what are the forms and designs at play in our state – from the red cliffs of Sedona to the barrios in Old Tucson – to create a vibrant artwork of our beautiful state.

57 student finalists will have their works of art displayed in the Arizona Department of Education buildings located in Phoenix and Tucson through October 15, 2013.

Grand Prize Winner (\$500 each and \$500 to student’s school)

Lukas Heede – 2nd grade – Horseshoe Trails Elementary, Cave Creek USD
Brandon Thandi – 12th grade – Sonoran Science Academy, Tucson

First Place Winner (\$300 each)

Brooke Bardeguez – 1st grade – Desert Harbor Elementary, Peoria USD

Eden Cislo – 5th grade – Horseshoe Trails Elementary, Cave Creek USD

Tamachi Goodson – 8th grade – New School for the Arts and Academics Middle School, Tempe

Susan Torres – 10th grade – North High School, Phoenix Union High School District

Second Place Winner (\$200 each)

Brielle Smallwood – 3rd grade – Cherokee Elementary, Scottsdale USD

Erika Armenta – 6th grade – Challenge Charter School, Glendale

Neema Imani – 7th grade – Greenway Middle School, Paradise Valley USD

Shannon Finn – 12th grade – Chaparral High School, Scottsdale USD

Third Place Winner (\$100 each)

Zachary Pollock – 3rd grade – Cherokee Elementary, Scottsdale USD

Selver Mutlu – 5th grade – Zuni Hills Elementary, Peoria USD

Elizabeth Gonzalez – 7th grade – San Manuel Junior High, San Manuel Junior/Senior HSD

Christina Spafford – 12th grade – Sonoran Science Academy, Tucson

“We are in the business of capturing memories at Hall of Frames,” explained Sean Kogan, Vice President of Marketing at Hall of Frames, one of the sponsors for ***Arizona: A brilliant kaleidoscope of color, form and design.*** “We were very excited to be able to partner with the Department of Education to help capture these students’ visions of Arizona and help display them for everyone to see during our Centennial celebration.”

“I would like to offer my congratulations to these student winners for their wonderful submissions and for allowing us to display their artwork for almost all of 2013,” said Lynn Tuttle, Director for Arts Education for ADE. “The level of artistry displayed in all 58 entries is remarkable this year, and was commented on by our panel of judges. I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to our generous sponsors DOXA Central LLC and Hall of Frames for providing the student prizes and helping to make this competition a huge success.”

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