5th Annual Arizona Department of Education

Student Art Competition

The Arizona Department of Education is pleased to announce the winners of the 2015-2016 Student Art Competition. The theme of this year's Student Art Competition was **"I am proud to be an Arizonan,"** and students from around the state created magnificent works of art that celebrated the bounty of blessings we share as residents of our richly diverse state.

Heartfelt congratulations are in order for the following talented and inspirational student artists:

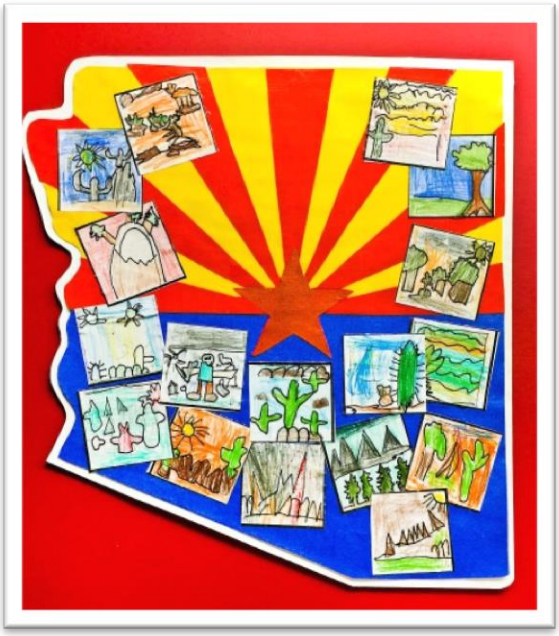
Grand Prize Winner ($500 and $500 to the student's school)

Jose Diaz, Sophomore, Heritage Academy Laveen

First Place Winners ($300 each)

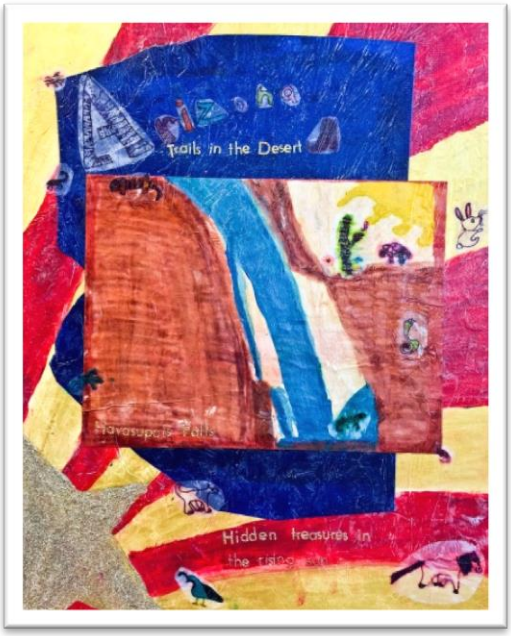
Division 1 – Kindergarten through 3rd Grade

Mrs. Murray's Kindergarten Class, Northwest Christian School



Division 2 – 4th through 6th Grades

Alyssa Taylor, 6th Grade, Desert Oasis Elementary School



First Place Winners ($300 each)

Division 3 – 7th & 8th Grades

Matthew Montano, 8th Grade, Herrera Elementary School

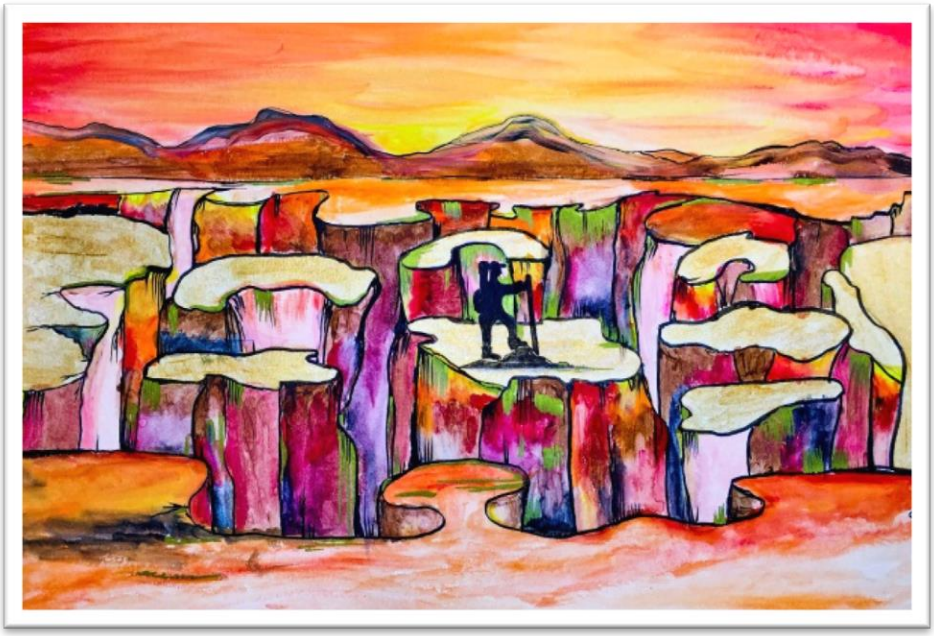
Division 4 – High School

Kenneth Guarino, Senior, Greenway High School

Second Place Winners ($200 each)

Division 1 – Kindergarten through 3rd Grade
Bailee Conner, 1st Grade, Countryside Elementary

Division 2 – 4th through 6th Grades
Kate Fanning, 4th Grade, Countryside Elementary School



Second Place Winners ($200 each)

Division 3 – 7th & 8th Grades

Jimena Chavez, 7th Grade, Legacy Traditional School-Avondale

Division 4 – High School

Safia Colbert, Freshman, Saguaro High School

Third Place Winners ($100 each)

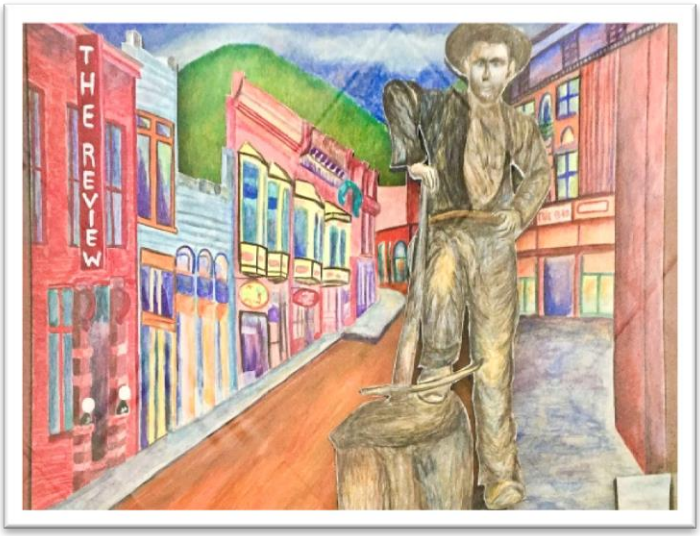
Division 1 – Kindergarten through 3rd Grade
Gianna Aguirre, 2nd Grade, Calabasas School

Division 2 – 4th through 6th Grades
Karina Connor-Ortiz, 6th Grade, New School for the Arts & Academics

Third Place Winners ($100 each)

Division 3 – 7th & 8th Grades
Destiny Demers, 8th Grade, Legacy Traditional School-Queen Creek

Division 4 – High School
Astrid Maury, Senior, Sonoran Science Academy



To honor their amazing artistic achievements, 94 student finalists will have their works of art displayed in the Arizona Department of Education buildings located in Phoenix through October 15, 2016.