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HECB announces student video contest winners

OLYMPIA – The Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) today announced the winners of its Lights Camera College Student Film Contest, which encouraged middle and high school students to create videos about college preparation and the many ways a postsecondary education will benefit them in their lives.

From among 30 entries, the HECB selected eight videos for special recognition, including four from middle schools and an equal number from high school entrants.

“We were impressed by the thought and creativity demonstrated by many of the students who participated in the contest,” said Ann Daley, the HECB’s executive director. “We hope these videos speak to young people about the importance of college preparation in middle school and high school, and the financial aid and other resources that are available to help them succeed in postsecondary education.”

The contest was open to students in grades 7-12 who attend public or private schools or are home schooled. Entries could be submitted by individual students or as class projects, but to be accepted they had to be approved by a school official.

Winning students will receive college sweatshirts or t-shirts and HECB certificates of achievement. The students’ work has been posted on the HECB’s YouTube website, www.youtube.com/HECBWashington and will be showcased at the Washington State School Directors’ Association’s annual conference Nov. 18-21 in Seattle.

The prize winning videos:

High School Division

First Place

Kelsey Taylor
Cashmere High School, Cashmere
“What’s Your Excuse?”

First Runner-Up

Brandon Porter, Riley Culligan, Philip Modin

Skyview High School, Vancouver
“You Too”

Second Runner-Up

Taylor McDonnell, Spencer Mirabal
Skyview High School, Vancouver
“Where Are You Going Punk?”

Third Runner-Up

Devon Young, Aaron Shell, Kathy Brusewitz
Cedarcrest High School, Duvall
“Seeds of Life”

Middle School Division

First Place

Angelica Barbosa, Maria de la Cruz
Park Middle School, Kennewick
“El Más Inteligente”

First Runner-Up

Cora Peterson, Kyler Saxton, Carlos Tovar, Samantha Starr, Chais Sugden, Bridgette Hawes
Shuksan Middle School, Bellingham
“You Can Get Financial Aid”

Second Runner-Up

Shuksan Middle School, Bellingham
Satvir Kaur, Samantha Bennett, Lesley McCaslin, Katie Tang, Brisella Gonzalez
“Why Go to College?”

Third Runner-Up

Kori Courson, Tyler Brooking, Angelina France, Maggie Madenson
St. John Vianney, Spokane
“Lego City College”