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County Clerk, Sheriff and Surrogate honor the 2021 'My County' Poster Contest Winners

FREEHOLD, NJ – Monmouth County's Constitutional Officers, County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon, Surrogate Rosemarie D. Peters, and Sheriff Shaun Golden honored the First, Second, and Third Place Winners of the Annual 'My County' Poster Contest at the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners Meeting on June 24.

All fourth grade students in Monmouth County were invited to create posters depicting unique aspects of Monmouth County and how they relate to County Government. The Constitutional Officers selected this year's winners from a record-breaking number of entries, more than 200 entries submitted by schools from across the County.



First Place winner, Mackenzie Miller of St. Leo the Great (L to R) Sheriff Shaun Golden, Surrogate Rosemarie Peters, County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon, Mackenzie Miller, sister Madison Miller, and parents Maureen & Doug Miller

The first place winner is Mackenzie Miller of St. Leo the Great in Lincroft whose poster creatively outlined Monmouth County's geography and utilized window flaps to showcase some of the County's most popular destinations and historic sites.

Avalina Paul of St. Leo the Great in Lincroft took second place for her vibrant and colorful poster illustrating all that Monmouth County has to offer, including its schools, parks, and open space.

Third Place winner, Luke Farina of St. Jerome School in West Long Branch highlighted Monmouth County's scenic beaches and historic Sandy Hook lighthouse, while showcasing some of our popular summer activities.

Those who received honorable mention include: Peyton B. Afanador of Avon Elementary School in Avon-by-the-Sea; Robbie Krol, III of Indian Hill Elementary School in Holmdel; Madison Manners of West Freehold School in Freehold; Alyssa



Second Place winner, Avalina Paul of St. Leo the Great (L to R) Sheriff Shaun Golden, Surrogate Rosemarie Peters, County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon, Avalina Paul, brother Austin Paul, and parents Dorothy & Raymond Paul



Third Place winner, Luke Farina of St. Jerome School (L to R) Sheriff Shaun Golden, Surrogate Rosemarie Peters, County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon, Luke Farina, sister Anna Farina, mother Nancy Farina, & teacher Mrs. Janene Hubbard

Marchitello of Swimming River School in Tinton Falls; Charley Piscopo of St. Benedict School in Holmdel; and Joan Marie Casey, Hunter Domanski, Luke Ellis, and Olivia Sidoti of St. Leo the Great in Lincroft.

“The fourth graders’ posters showed not only knowledge of county government, but also imagination and originality,” said Clerk Hanlon. “I congratulate all the students who participated in the contest, especially this year’s winners.”

“After learning about the State of New Jersey in their classroom social studies curriculum, fourth graders from Monmouth County were able to demonstrate their knowledge of county government in a creative way through this poster contest,” said Surrogate Peters. “We were so glad to receive a record-breaking number of contest entries this year.”

“A project like this helps students learn more about the great County we are all so fortunate to call home,” said Sheriff Golden. “I commend all of these fourth grade participants as they continue to impress us each year with their knowledge of Monmouth County and tremendous ability to use their artistic talents to create eye-catching posters.”

Each of the winning posters will be displayed for a period of one month over the coming year at the Monmouth County Clerk’s Office, located at 33 Mechanic St. in Freehold.

The 2021 ‘My County’ Poster Contest ran from March 31 to April 30 and is hosted annually by Monmouth County’s Constitutional Officers during the month of April to commemorate County Government Month.

For questions about the poster contest, please call 732-431-7324, ext. 8739 or email CountyClerk@co.monmouth.nj.us.

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