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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) congratulates the winners and finalists of this year's Earth Science Week art, photo, essay, and video contests, whose creative submissions addressed the Earth Science Week 2021 theme of "Water Today and for the Future." Organized by AGI, Earth Science Week is an annual celebration and public awareness campaign reaching millions of people worldwide each year with information about geoscience.

Nathan Xu of Clyde Hill, Washington, won first place in the visual arts contest. Finalists were Benjamin Kwack of Lisle, Illinois; Everett Lee of Fargo, North Dakota; Justin Xu of Sugar Hill, Georgia; and Elizabeth Xu of Sugar Hill, Georgia. Students in grades K-5 made two-dimensional artworks illustrating how water plays a role in their lives.

Peter Lee of Montrose, California, won first place in the photo contest. Finalists were Andrej Ciric of Virginia Beach, Virginia; Hafsa Firdaus of Pleasanton, California; Andrew Mead of East Northport, New York; and Alex Xu of Clyde Hill, Washington. Submissions illustrated the theme of water as a resource in the community.

Travis Cooper of Tucson, Arizona, won first place in the essay contest. Finalists were Alex Lauro of Vienna, Virginia; Madison Murrell of Virginia Beach, Virginia; Henry Nguyen of Virginia Beach, Virginia; Alana Voces of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Students in grades 6-9 wrote essays of up to 300 words exploring ways people can use water as a natural resource in ways that support sustainable practices.

Michael and Precious Golez of Naga City, Camarines Sur, Philippines (team), won first place in the video contest. Finalists were Sarah Eaton of Lexington, Virginia; Riley Milano of Boulder, Colorado; Tanvi Soans and Jacqueline Davis (team) of Chicago, Illinois; Raheemah Hafsa Pangarungan of Marawi City, BARMM, Philippines. Individuals and teams created brief, original videos exploring the many ways people interact with water.

Congratulations to the winners, finalists, and hundreds of students and others who entered. Each first-place winner receives \$300 and an AGI publication. Entries submitted by winners and finalists are posted online at <https://www.earthsciweek.org/contests/2021>.

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The American Geosciences Institute (AGI), a federation of scientific and professional associations representing over a quarter-million geoscientists, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving the geoscience community and addressing the needs of society. AGI headquarters are in Alexandria, Virginia.

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