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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — David De Costa of Alexandria, Virginia, won first place in the visual arts contest with a creative and colorful drawing of earth, water, air, and living things. Finalists were Ian Lee, Vinuth Sumanasiri, Daniel Chia, and Pranavi Chatrathi. Students in grades K-5 made two-dimensional artworks illustrating the theme "People and the Planet."

Roxie Khalili of Foster City, California, won first place in the photo contest with an image of human-built infrastructure surrounding the lagoon and its inhabitants. Finalists were Taylor Russon, Andrew DePriest, Jill Holz, and Harrison Cho. Submissions illustrated the theme "Earth and Human Activity Here."

Tracy Peucker of Virginia Beach, Virginia, won first place in the essay contest with a paper on "The Effect of Geosciences on Landslide Prevention." Finalists were Ellie Kain-Kuzinewski, Hannah Shin, Madeline Marous, and Ryder Robins. Students in grades 6-9 wrote essays of up to 300 words addressing this year's theme, "Human Interaction With Earth Systems."

Sophie Schneider won first place in the video contest with her video on "Our Beautiful Earth." Finalists were Tahtinen's Firsties and Kolby Noble. Individuals and teams created brief, original videos that tell viewers how people affect Earth systems, or how Earth systems affect people, through "Earth Connections" in their part of the world.

Congratulations to the winners, finalists, and hundreds of students and others who entered. Each first-place winner receives \$300 and a copy of *The Geoscience Handbook*, published by the American Geosciences Institute. Entries submitted by winners and finalists are posted online at <http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests/2017>.

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