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Alexandria, VA – Swetha Karthikeyan of Dayton, New Jersey, won first place in the visual arts contest with a creative drawing showing connections among Earth systems in her community. Finalists were Isabella Matheu, Christa Paulus, Mia Sherman, and Tyler Wu. Students in grades K-5 made two-dimensional artworks illustrating the theme “Earth’s Connected Systems and Me.”

Eva Jasinski of Gloucester Point, Virginia, won first place in the photo contest with her self-portrait in a corn field, including a reflection of corn in a mirror representing humans’ dependence on corn. Finalists were Della Barbato, Reata Livermont, Monica Saaty, and Elaina Zodiatis. Submissions illustrated the theme “Connections in My Community.”

Ari Sinervo of Aptos, California, won first place in the essay contest with his paper on “How Fog Affects Life.” Finalists were Kelsey Ge, Emma Lame, Davis Young, and Michelle Yue. Students in grades 6-9 wrote essays of up to 300 words addressing this year’s theme, “Earth System Science in Today’s World.”

Congratulations to the winners, finalists, and hundreds of students and others who entered. Each first-place winner receives \$300 and a copy of AGI’s *The Geoscience Handbook*. Entries submitted by winners and finalists are posted online at <http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests/2014>.

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