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Earth Science Week Contest Winners Announced

Alexandria, VA - Sophia Findley of Kapolei, Hawaii, won first place in the visual arts contest with a creative and colorful drawing of Diamond Head Volcano, an example of geoheritage near where she lives. Finalists were David De Costa, Jenna Eutsey Shrish Karthikeyan, and Taylor Redmond. Students in grades K-5 made two-dimensional artworks illustrating the theme "Seeing Earth Heritage."

Lily Wolfe of San Carlos, California, won first place in the photo contest with her image of seaside geology along with underwater life. Finalists were Charles Carrigan, Calder Laidlaw, Katy Sprinkle, and Vineela Vandanapu. Submissions illustrated the theme "Our Heritage in Earth Systems."

Logan Flanagan of Virginia Beach, Virginia, won first place in the essay contest with his paper on "An Untouched World." Finalists were Lalitha Aiyar, Isabella Fernandez, Emma Hutchinson, and Brent Wang. Students in grades 6-9 wrote essays of up to 300 words addressing this year's theme, "Sharing and Caring for Our Geoheritage."

Congratulations to the winners, finalists, and hundreds of students and others who entered. Each first-place winner receives \$300 and a "Geoscience Handbook." Entries submitted by winners and finalists are posted online at <http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests/2016>.

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