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## ***Art of Recycling Contest Winners Announced***

*~~Cash Prizes range from \$100 to \$500~~*

**PASCO COUNTY** --- The dust has settled. The winners of the 2016 Art of Recycling contest have been announced. The winners were presented their certificates and prize money throughout the week at their schools.

Prizes were awarded in 15 categories – each carrying a \$100 cash prize. First, second and third place overall received \$500, \$300 and \$200 respectively. The art was judged on many themes like Best Use of Aluminum, Best Use of Plastic, Most Innovative, Best Environmental Concept and much more.

One big prize is still to be awarded - the lucky winner of an Art of Recycling \$1,000 college scholarship.

“It’s wonderful to see so much creativity among our youth,” said Pasco County Commissioner Mike Moore, who personally handed out awards to winners at Ridgewood High School Friday. “What these students do with everyday recyclable material is unbelievable and how they make it into art is really something to be celebrated.”

Commissioner Moore is seen (*photo link below*) handing out The Commissioner’s Award, for which he personally donated \$100: <http://bit.ly/1PRPeXn>

1<sup>st</sup> Place winning piece (*photo link below*) by Kylie Rice of Ridgewood HS, who took home the \$500 grand prize: <http://bit.ly/20ZANnW>

Kellie Hanmore, of Anclote HS, walked away with \$300 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for this piece: <http://bit.ly/1SLYleQ>

Click on this link for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winner and the People’s Choice Award winner by Julia St. Amant, of River Ridge HS: <http://bit.ly/20sOJok>

## 2-2-2 2016 ART OF RECYCLING

The full exhibition is on display through February 26 at the West Pasco Government Center at 8731 Citizens Drive. After that, the 15 winning pieces will move to the Pasco County District School Board for display through April 1.

This is the full list of this year's Art of Recycling winners:

Kylie Rice, Ridgewood HS, 1st Place \$500  
Kellie Hanmore, Anclote High School, 2nd Place \$300  
Julia St. Amant, River Ridge HS, 3rd Place \$200 and the People's Choice \$100  
Amber Coykendall, Ridgewood HS, Commissioner's award \$100  
Michelle Rodriguez, Ridgewood HS, Covanta's Choice \$100  
Jordan Bunker, JW Mitchell HS, Best Artistic Expression \$100  
Genesis Erickson, Bishop McLaughlin, Best Use of Printed Material \$100  
Abigail Garcia, Bishop McLaughlin, Most Innovative \$100  
Brandon Lopez, Fivay HS, AOR committee award \$100 (Brandon also won a prize in 2015)  
Yuhao Sun, Genesis Prep, Best Use of Aluminum \$100  
Kiersten Houck, Genesis Prep, Best Use of Materials \$100  
Al Maddox, Sunlake High School, Best Use of Plastic \$100  
Nicole Chacon, Sunlake High School, Pasco Arts Council Merit \$100  
Kendalynn Hill, Sunlake High School, Best Environmental Concept \$100

This event is a co-operative project of the District School Board of Pasco County, Pasco County Recycling and Education, Keep Pasco Beautiful and the Pasco Arts Council.

The Pasco Art of Recycling contest and exhibit was implemented to help increase awareness of the Arts and to encourage the practice of recycling. The event is supported by the following community businesses, organizations and individuals:

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**Commissioner Mike Moore**  
**Pasco Arts Council**  
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