

News Release

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Durham Celebrates National Drinking Water Week

Mayor Issues Proclamation, Recognizes Local Student-Artists for Posters

DURHAM, N.C. – City leaders are asking residents to take a moment this week to recognize the City employees who work every day to provide a clean, safe, and reliable supply of drinking water to Durham.

In honor of 2019 National Drinking Water Week, Mayor Steve Schewel issued a proclamation at Monday's City Council meeting, declaring May 5-11 Drinking Water Week in the City of Durham. The proclamation acknowledges the contributions of water plant operators, lab technicians, and other water industry professionals for their roles in providing drinking water to customers. Employees from the Department of Water Management's Brown Water Treatment Plant, which recently was recognized for producing the state's best tasting water, accepted the mayor's proclamation.

Mayor Schewel and the Durham City Council also recognized nine student-artists from local schools who created winning interpretations in the City's 2019 Water Conservation Poster Contest. The contest, coordinated by Water Management's Water Efficiency and Conservation Program, is a big part of the City's annual celebration of Drinking Water Week.

Winning entries in the grades K-2 division were:

- First Place – Angel Rendon Cruz (Triangle Day School)
- Second Place – Isabella Boytor (Triangle Day School)
- Third Place – Ada Salomon (Triangle Day School)

Winning entries in the grades 3-5 division were:

- First Place – Jenna Kim (Durham Academy)
- Second Place – Makenzie Wiles (Durham Academy)
- Third Place – Iris Emerson (Central Park School for Children)

Winning entries in the grades 6-8 division were:

- First Place – Mira Hanspal (Voyager Academy)
- Second Place – Kaymille Sherman (Voyager Academy)
- Third Place – Tess Mader (Voyager Academy)

These winning entries represented Durham in a statewide contest sponsored by the North Carolina American Water Works Association – Water Environment Association. Competing with student-artists

from across the state, the City is pleased to announce that the following student-artists won at the state level:

State level K-2 division winner were:

- First Place – Angel Rendon Cruz (Triangle Day School)
- Second Place – Isabella Boytor (Triangle Day School)

State level 3-5 division winners were:

- First Place – Jenna Kim (Durham Academy)
- Second Place – Makenzie Wiles (Durham Academy)
- Third Place – Iris Emerson (Central Park School for Children)

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To view the [winning entries](#), or for more information on drinking water and water conservation, contact the City's water efficiency and conservation program staff at (919) 560-4381 or visit <http://durhamsaveswater.org>.

About Water Management

The Department of Water Management provides award-winning drinking water, and is responsible for the operation and maintenance of Durham's water supply, treatment and reclamation facilities, collection and distribution systems, and customer billing services. Department organization includes a variety of support divisions and programs to maintain the existing infrastructure that delivers these essential services. Water Management strives to be a responsible steward of the City's physical assets. For more information, visit <http://durhamnc.gov/944/> and follow @DurhamWater on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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