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PRESS RELEASE

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT RECOGNIZES LOCAL WINNERS FOR POSTER/ESSAY CONTEST

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L-R, County winners Shantell Green, Gail Forsyth, Reginald Brake and Kaylee Bass. Also pictured, District Board members Charles Mitchell and Tom Gulley.

Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District held its 15th Annual Awards Program on Friday, May 6 at Terrell Lane Middle School. Franklin County school students in grades three through six were recognized and received cash awards, certificates and ribbons for their accomplishments in the District Poster and Essay contest. Approximately one hundred thirty students, parents, teachers and principals attended the program to lend support to these talented Franklin county youth.

Sponsored yearly by the local District and the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts, the contest theme changes each year and focuses on environmental or conservation based topics. This year's theme was 'Water – The Cycle of Life'.

Students in grades three through five participated in the poster contest. Posters were judged by a panel of three judges and were scored based on the conservation message, visual effectiveness, universal appeal and originality. Students in sixth grade participated in the essay contest. Essays were required to be between 300 and 500 words in length and were judged on subject content, writing style, organization and neatness.

Prizes in both contests were awarded for first, second and third place winners in each school grade level. County winners were selected from all first place winners in each grade and received \$50 gift cards. County winners advanced to the Area IV contest and competed against students from eleven surrounding counties. Those that placed first in the Area IV contest were entered into the state contest in Raleigh, where the winning posters are on display at the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Kaylee Bass, a fourth grade student at Bunn Elementary was the top winner for the evening. As the fourth grade county winner, Kaylee's poster competed in the Area IV Poster Contest where she won first place and received a check for \$100. She advanced to the State Poster contest and placed second for which she received an additional \$100 prize.

Students that were recognized and received prizes were: Madonna Baselios, Rebeca Toribio-Vazquez, Haley Shearin, Chance Murphy, Christina Sanderford, Reginald Brake, Gladys Fogg, Taniya Hicks, Tyshaun Livingston, Preston Moss, Kaylee Sanders, Daisy Lopez, Stella Wang, Maria Rodriquez, Valentina Swain, Rachel Halterman, Tom Olivares Beddoes, Justin House, Alisa Brake, Rachel McDonald, Ashley Bowers, Makenna Huffman, Anna Bridgers, Blake Sanders, Kaylee Bass, Keylan Matthews, Domanique Branch, Jorge Hinostrosa, Michelle Medina, Conner McGhee, Caroline McGhee, Alissa Davis, Kay Ann Bean, Gail Forsyth, Montana Cahoon, Taylor Sullivan, Jewels Church, Gunnar Holmberg, Isabella Sabatini, Grace Bigham, Sarah Martinez, Charlie Weatherford, Mariah Massey, Noah Joyner, Shania Perry, Chaz Brooks, Sarah Tubbs, Carlos Barraza, Josiah Trotter, Hailey Neal, Cassidy Ayscue, Shantell Green, Edward Denton, Jodie Summerlin, Hannah Nobles, Todd Bean, Connor Gagnon, Macon Cannady and Krystal Francis.

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