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### Senator Mason Announces Winners of 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Contest

Senator Monty Mason (Williamsburg, Virginia) today announced the winners of his 4<sup>th</sup> annual Art Contest.

This year's contest resulted in over 65 entries from students throughout the 1<sup>st</sup> Senate District that were judged by local artists Bob Oller and Karen Peterson.

Senator Mason started the contest in his first year as Delegate in 2014. Now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year, the contest continues to grow and puts on display the artistic talents of students across the Peninsula.

“Our students are exceptional and I’m proud that we live in a community that values the arts as a basic tenet of education and actively supports it. I look forward to bringing these pieces to Richmond once again and hanging them in my office for the rest of the Commonwealth to see,” said Senator Monty Mason

The Winners Are:

In the K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade group **Kyrie Mims** is a third grader from Clara Byrd Baker Elementary School in Williamsburg. His teacher is Michelle Chrismon and he used oil pastels to create a portrait.



**Zachery Faulkenberry** is the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade winner. Zachery is a fifth grader from Clara Byrd Baker Elementary School and is also a student of Michelle Chrismon. He created two colorful fish swimming using chalk pastels.



The 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade winner, **Holly Dowling**, is an eighth grader from Lois Hornsby Middle School. She created expressive portrait and her teacher is Kenneth Edwards.

The high school winner, **Madyson Hansbrough**, is a senior at Woodside High School in Newport News. Her teacher is Richard Shelton and she drew a vivid image using pen and ink.



Honorable Mention:

**Kirsten Marsell** who is in 12<sup>th</sup> grade at York High School and a student of Rachel Reid. She created a unique image using scratchboard titled “Along the Waves”



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