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STUDENT CONTEST WINNERS TO BE HONORED

Salt Lake City, Utah -- Eight students from Kindergarten through 6th Grade are the statewide winners, and Grand Prize winner, in the first annual Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Earth Day Poster Contest. The eight students will be honored Friday, April 20, 2012, during an awards luncheon to be held in the auditorium of the Utah Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City.

The contest theme was “How do YOU use oil, gas and mining.” Grand Prize winner is Sienna Curtis from Soldier Hollow Charter School in Midway. Sienna’s art will be featured on a 2012 Earth Day poster and she will receive a savings bond and other prizes. All the winners will receive framed copies of their posters and a certificate signed by Governor Herbert.

Other winners receiving savings bonds are Kindergartner Alyssa Tullis from Escalante Valley School in Beryl; Savanna Wardell, a 1st grader from Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind in Salt Lake; 2nd grader Chloe Latu from Monte Vista Elementary, South Jordan; Meg Roberts, a 3rd grader at Jennie P. Stewart Elementary in Centerville; 4th grader Kamry Golightly from Layton’s Ellison Park Elementary; Abigail Brandenburg from Christ Lutheran School in Murray representing the 5th grade; and 6th grader Eliza Anderson from Rosecrest Elementary in Salt Lake.

Each school also receives a \$500 cash prize for science programs or supplies thanks to donations from Anadarko Petroleum, Newfield, Rio Tinto, Savage, Summit, Wheeler Cat, Bill Barrett Corp., Arch Coal, Inc., Wind River II Corp., and the Natural History Museum of Utah.

“The contest was open to all Utah students from Kindergarten through 6th grade and we were delighted with the level of participation in this first year,” said Luci Malin, project coordinator. “The contest could not have taken place without the generous support of oil, gas and mining companies who provided funding for the event and we hope to see it continue to grow.”

Winners and their art will also be featured on the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining’s webpage at www.ogm.utah.gov.

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