

FANNIN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNOUNCES ESSAY WINNERS



Chairman Jones congratulates Conservation Essay Winners, from left to right, Mackenzie Langston, Keith Sherwood, Trevor Hevron and Randall Cravens eighth graders from Honey Grove Middle School and Katerina Brinlee, Home Schooled.

Katerina Brinlee, daughter of Wayne and Linda Brinlee of Bonham won first place in the 14 and older category of the essay contest. The theme of the essay contest this year was “What Soil and Water Conservation Means to Me”. Katerina has been involved in conservation efforts for several years. She is very active in 4-H and Girl Scouting and has recently joined BSA Venturing. Katerina enjoys raising rabbits, practicing forestry skills; she has been on the 4-H Forestry Team for several years. In Girl Scouts, she has earned her Silver and Gold Award, backpacked in Colorado and the Cascades. She plays the piano and the organ at church. She plans to attend Texas A& M College Station next fall pursuing a Nutritional Science degree.

Trevor Hevron is the second place winner in the 14 and older essay contest. He likes playing basketball, football, baseball, and runs track. He enjoys drawing, sketching, cooking, gardening and reading car magazines and books. Trevor is the son of Ricky Hevron and Shawanna Brown and the oldest of four children.

Keith Sherwood the third place winner in the 14 and older essay category participates in basketball and runs track. He enjoys reading and writing and occasionally math. Keith has a 10-year-old sister and a golden retriever named Flash. Keith a citizen of Windom stated that he was glad that his school entered the essay contest and that it was an honor to have won a prize.

Mackenzie Langston placed second in the 13 and younger category of the essay contest. She plays basketball and runs track for the Lady Braves. She is the daughter of Scott and Shelly Langston. She has two siblings, Madison and Hunter. Mackenzie enjoys time with her friends and family and playing basketball.

Randall Cravens won third place in the 13 and younger category. He enjoys science and math and he likes to ride his four-wheeler. He has one sister and two dogs.

First place winner in the 13 and younger category of the essay contest is Makagan Mitchell. She is a fourth grade honor student at Dodd City Elementary. Makagan enjoys participating in livestock events such as judging, public speaking and exhibiting her registered Braford cattle and Boer goats. She is an active member of the Dodd city JR FFA Show team; she is the secretary for the Texas and National JR Braford Associations as well as the Texas JR Livestock Association. Makagan also participates in basketball and softball. She is the daughter of Marlon and Traci Mitchell and her older sister Brittany works at a Brangus cattle ranch.



All participants in the essay contests received a certificate of participation and a Redbud Tree seedling. The top three winners in each category received a monetary award. First place received \$25, second place \$15 and third place \$10. The six winning essays are entered in the Area V contest and the winners of that contest will be honored in Stephenville on May 1 at Tarleton State University. The Fannin SWCD appreciates all the youth that enter these contests and the teachers that encourage them to do so.