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2016 AIRPORT TOWER BANNER STUDENT ART CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

BURBANK, Calif., March 7, 2016 – The high school student winners of the Burbank Bob Hope Airport 2016 Tower Banner Student Art Contest from Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena Unified School Districts presented their winning artwork at today's March 7, 2016, Airport Authority meeting. The winners were chosen from 219 entries across all three districts. Joining them were their art teachers and district art coordinators, along with many of the students' proud parents.

This is the ninth year the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority has sponsored the contest for students of the respective Unified School Districts in Grades 9 - 12. Each year, the Airport chooses a different aviation theme for the contest. This year's theme was "History of Aviation." In 2015, the theme was "Great Moments in Flight." In 2014, the theme was "Skies of Freedom." In 2013, the theme was "The Sky's the Limit," and in 2012 and 2011, the artists illustrated "Cleared for Take Off" and "Up and Away."

Each school district determines which submissions are its top three entries. The arts and culture commissions from each respective city then consider the three entries and make the final award of the first place entries from their school districts based on the judging criteria set forth in the Authority's contest rules.

The winning artwork from each school district is enlarged to a size of 16 feet by 26 feet for an approximately three-month display on the Burbank Bob Hope Airport terminal tower, where it is seen by nearly a million travelers and airport visitors as they arrive and depart the Airport.

Since the contest's inception nine years ago, \$22,500 has been awarded to each school district in honor of the winning entries, with the stipulation that the award be used to help support and promote the districts' education programs for the arts. This year, each district will receive another \$3,000, bringing the total to \$25,500 for each school district.

The winning entries displayed on the tower are rotated among Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena. This year, Burbank Unified School District's winning banner, created by 11th grader Taylor Castile from Burbank High School, will be the first to be displayed on the tower, beginning June 2016:



1st Place: Taylor Castile Burbank High School, Burbank Unified School District Instructor: James Bentley

Glendale Unified School District's winning banner, created by 12th grader Austin White of Crescenta Valley High School, will be displayed beginning January 2017:



1st Place: Austin White Crescenta Valley High School, Glendale Unified School District Instructor: Sarah Wiggins Pasadena Unified School District's winning banner, created by 10th grader Jordan Garcia of Pasadena High School, will be displayed starting April 2017:



1st Place: Jordan Garcia Pasadena High School, Pasadena Unified School District Instructor: Genely Chan

Second and third place winners, along with the first place winners, will be displayed in the Airport's Terminal B with background information about the contest beginning in June 2016. The second and third place winners' artwork can currently be seen on the <u>Airport's website</u>.

The contest is scheduled to begin again in September 2016. To be eligible to enter the contest, student artists must be enrolled in Grades 9-12 in the public high schools of Burbank Unified School District, Glendale Unified School District or Pasadena Unified School District. Students interested in participating should contact the art faculty or art department at their high school for details.