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Artwork wins Roosevelt Alexander Elementary 2nd grader Caribbean cruise

Bryan Wang earns top honor in 2015 Adopt-A-Beach Children's Art Contest

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(AUSTIN, Texas) — [Download photos of Commissioner Bush choosing winner](#)

Bryan Wang, a second grader from Roosevelt Alexander Elementary in Katy, Texas, is the grand prize winner of the 2015 Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest. Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush selected Bryan Wang's art from more than 4,550 entries submitted statewide. The annual competition encourages schoolchildren to learn more about the Texas coast and express what they've learned through their art. Open to grades K-6 across Texas, the contest motivates thousands of young artists each year.

"As a former teacher, I am proud to have the opportunity to honor the winners of the Adopt-A-Beach Treasures of the Texas Coast Contest," Bush said. "This is a great way for young Texans to learn about the natural beauty of our precious coast and to demonstrate their creativity. We had a record number of young artists participate this year and it was tough to pick a grand prize winner, but Bryan Wang's submission stood out because it illustrates both the biodiversity of our coastal environment and the community coming together to keep our beaches clean for all to enjoy."

Bryan Wang's artwork, along with 39 runners-up, will appear on the cover of the 2016 Adopt-A-Beach calendar. The artwork of all winners will be on public display in the South Central Gallery of the Texas Capitol May 19th – 26th for all visitors to view and appreciate. The exhibit will be sponsored by Representative Greg Bonnen (HD 24, Friendswood).

Bryan Wang's winning artwork earns him two round-trip, coach-class tickets from United Airlines to any United destination anywhere in North America, one 7-night Caribbean cruise from Royal Caribbean International departing out of Galveston, Miami, Tampa, Ft. Lauderdale, Port Canaveral or Puerto Rico, and a class party at Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels. The grand prize winner's teacher, Enya Huang, also receives two round-trip, coach-class tickets from United Airlines and one 7-night Caribbean cruise courtesy of Royal Caribbean International.

Ten winners were chosen from each of four grade-level categories (K – 2nd, 3rd – 4th, 5th and 6th) for a total of 40 winners. All 40 winners receive a ticket to the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, two all-day passes to Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels, a ticket to the Planetarium at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, a ticket to the Houston Zoo, a certificate of recognition and prizes from the Texas General Land Office and a calendar displaying the winning artwork. This year’s contest sponsors are Royal Caribbean International, United Airlines, Schlitterbahn Waterparks, the Texas State Aquarium, the Houston Museum of Natural Science and the Houston Zoo.

To learn more about the Adopt-A-Beach program, visit www.TexasAdoptABeach.org or contact the GLO at 1-877-TX COAST. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/texasadoptabeach and follow us on Twitter at @TXadoptabeach.

2015 Treasures of the Texas Coast Art Contest

Winners

Finalist Name	School Name	City
K – 2		
Bryan Wang	Roosevelt Alexander Elementary	Katy
Daniel Mancillas	Athlos Leadership Academy	Brownsville
Jinan Ahmed	Haude Elementary	Spring
Karina Almaguer	Driscoll Elementary	Driscoll
Lila Brogger	Our Lady of Victory	Victoria
Mahsa Forghani	Harvard Elementary	Houston
Masooma Haider	Al-Hadi School	Houston
Payton Gibbs	Bay Colony Elementary	Dickinson
Saanvi Mhatre	Harmony Science Academy	Katy
Taylor Smith	Driscoll Elementary	Driscoll
3-4		
Anna Reeves	Our Lady of Victory	Victoria
Ava Meza-Briones	Driscoll Elementary	Driscoll
Daniella Moreno	Bay Colony Elementary	Dickinson
Joshua Cevey	Bonnie Ellison Elementary	San Antonio
Lynley Pace	St. Lawrence Catholic School	Sugar Land
Mateo Garcia	Driscoll Elementary	Driscoll
Megan Miori	Our Lady of Victory	Victoria
Omar Diaz	Olson Elementary	Allen
Saamia Khan	Abercrombie Academy	Spring
Siri Cherukuri	Falak Art Studio	Coppell
5th Grade		
Alfred Hale	Eubanks Intermediate	Southlake
Annalee Johnson	Deretchin Elementary	The Woodlands
Ethan Lai	Kenmont Montessori School	Brownsville
Florence Hu	Stanley Elementary	Katy

Juan Mendez	John. R. Harris Elementary	Houston
Katie Simpson	Sleepy Hollow Elementary	Amarillo
Kloe Cowan	Our Lady of Victory	Victoria
Lillian Fox	Murray E. Boone Elementary	San Antonio
Lilliana Garcia	Windsor Park Elementary	Corpus Chrsiti
Tupac Johnas	John. R. Harris Elementary	Houston
6th Grade		
Ananya Subramaniam	Falak Art Studio	Coppell
Bailey Rech	Polly Ryan Middle School	Richmond
Ela Sanchez	Westbrook Intermediate	Friendswood
Elaina Lee	Our Lady of Victory	Victoria
Ireland Aerni	Redeemer Lutheran	Austin
Jesus Serrata III	Senator Eddie Lucio Middle School	Brownsville
Jordan Smajstrla	Northpointe Intermediate	Tomball
Julie Luong	Westbrook Intermediate	Friendswood
Katelyn Jedlicka	Spillane Middle School	Cypress
Natasha Morgan	Awty International	Houston

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