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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Cmr. George P. Bush and Mayor Ivy Taylor Congratulate Camp Alamo Art Contest Winners**

Three San Antonio students receive camp scholarships for illustrating what the Alamo means to them

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AUSTIN — SAN ANTONIO - Cmr. George P. Bush and Mayor Ivy Taylor are thrilled to congratulate three local students who were recently named winners of the 2017 Camp Alamo Art Contest. This spring, students ages 9 - 13 were invited to submit art projects illustrating what the Alamo means to them. Three winners were chosen to receive full scholarships to Camp Alamo, an annual, week-long summer camp on the Alamo grounds. On Friday, two of the winners, Hayley Dodge and Giana N. Acosta, met with San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor at City Hall. Isabella Medellin, the third scholarship winner, was not able to attend.

"As a former teacher and father of two boys, I am proud of these young artists whose creativity has won them the opportunity to attend summer camp at Texas' favorite history classroom - the Alamo," said Commissioner George P. Bush. "This competition encouraged kids to think about what the Alamo means to all Texans, from the Battle of 1836 to the founding of the city of San Antonio. The Alamo is our state's most treasured historic landmark and an important part of our shared heritage as Texans. These Alamo Camp scholarship winners will have a great time learning more about the Shrine of Texas Liberty while making lifelong friends."

"I am honored to recognize the winners of the Alamo Summer Camp Art Contest!" said Mayor Taylor. "This year we asked students to submit artwork demonstrating what the Alamo meant to them. The winners will attend the 2017 Alamo Summer Camp, an engaging on-site, interactive learning experience that will provide a deeper understating of our Alamo and missions. This opportunity is helping to ensure our young San Antonians provide a lasting impact on our community as the future stewards of our historic and cultural sites."

The 2017 Camp Alamo Art Contest encouraged students to create artwork that symbolizes what the Alamo means to them. The three winners delivered special tributes through personal illustrations of the Alamo, each with a unique perspective of the iconic Church. Artwork will be displayed at the Alamo for all to enjoy June 12 - 19. Each winner will attend the Camp Alamo session of their choice, where they will forge

new friendships and learn about life on the Texas frontier with a full week of hands-on activities at the Alamo.

Each summer, Camp Alamo offers children ages 9 - 13 an immersive, interactive experience at the Alamo with three week-long sessions to choose from. This year's camp, themed *Gone to Texas*, will explore the diverse cultures of frontier Texas. Registration is open at [www.thealamo.org/camp](http://www.thealamo.org/camp).

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