

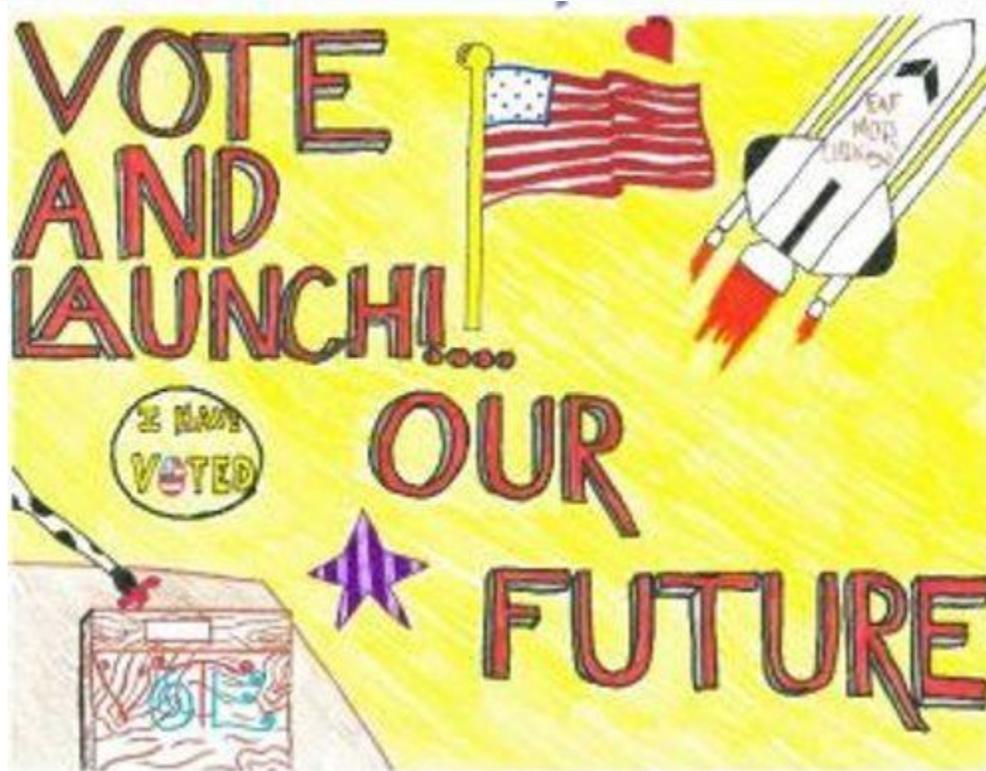
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Student art encourages voting

Brevard County Supervisor of Elections Lori Scott has recognized the winners of the fifth-annual Launch the Vote Student Art Contest for fourth- and fifth-graders in Brevard.

The winners were presented with a resolution, sponsored by County Commission Chair Rita Pritchett, during a recent County Commission meeting. They were joined by representatives of event sponsor Chick-fil-A and the restaurant chain's iconic cow mascots.



There were 262 entries from 12 elementary schools.

Winners were:

- First Place: Ashley Nicole Rogers of Pineapple Cove Classical Academy.
- Second Place: London Olivia Thomas of Longleaf Elementary School.
- Third Place: Anna Livengood of Pineapple Cove Classical Academy.
- Honorable Mentions: Emmeline Carpenter of Apollo Elementary, Sela Brooke Horgan of Longleaf Elementary, Benjamin Pritchett of Ralph Williams Elementary.
- Chick-fil-A Award: Emily Livengood of Pineapple Cove Classical Academy.
- Chick-fil-A Honorable Mention: Ansleigh Delaine Friday of Pineapple Cove Classical Academy.

"I am always amazed to see the level of creativity in the artwork submitted by the students showcasing their interest in the electoral process," Scott said in announcing the winners. "There was a high-level of excitement during the reception, when the winners were presented with medals, ribbons, their certificate and prizes from our wonderful community partners, Chick-fil-A."

The County Commission recognized the students "for their exceptional artistic talent, patriotism and tremendous enthusiasm for the electoral process."

Students were asked to create artwork in conjunction with the Launch the Vote theme, encouraging voter participation and highlighting the importance of voting.

Winning artwork will be displayed in the Supervisor of Elections Viera Office for the next year. During November, Chick-fil-A restaurants throughout Brevard County will display the artwork of the first-, second- and third-place winners and the Chick-fil-A Award winner.

"Their artwork is amazing," Scott said during the County Commission meeting, adding that the winners have demonstrated patriotism and a "passion about our country."

"And they're all future voters, they have assured me," Scott added.

The competition was judged by Westanna Bobbitt, Malak Hammad and Kelly McKibben.

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