

2016

Illustration by Scarlet Roberts, first place winner of the High School Division



Each year, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, with the help of the Department of Parks and Recreation and the State Department of Education, sponsors a statewide poster contest open to all public and private school students. The theme of the contest is "Sew a Lei for Memorial Day." The purpose of the contest is to publicize the sewing of lei to decorate the graves at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at ("Punchbowl") on Memorial Day. The contest runs from mid- January until the end of February. Students enter in three age categories, Kindergarten - 4th grade, 5th - 8th grade, and 9th - 12th grade. Judges select winning posters based on how well they portray the theme, on creativity, and on the use of color and composition.

The first place artwork in each category is turned into a poster that solicits the sewing and collecting of 38,000 lei for Memorial Day. These posters are distributed statewide to all public schools and libraries, as well as to all City and County of Honolulu parks and satellite City Halls. First, second, and third place, as well as six honorable mention artworks in each category, are displayed at Honolulu Hale's third floor gallery for the entire month of May. In addition, one artwork was selected to be transformed into the invitation to the Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony.

All winning artists are recognized in a ceremony at Honolulu Hale. This year's ceremony was held on May 4, 2016, and Mayor Kirk Caldwell presented Certificates of Achievement to the students, along with prizes donated by corporate sponsors. Cheers and applause filled the room as family members and teachers celebrated the children's accomplishments. The celebration continued as three 1st Place winners were featured in this year's Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony Program.

Congratulations to all the students for sharing their talents and for helping everyone to remember, and to honor, those who have served out state and country with honor and courage.

Mayor's Memorial Day Poster Contest

Mayor Caldwell congratulates poster contest winners, l-r: Alicia Acosta, Kevin Kalani, Cairus Briceno, Ruby Ann Sales, Julia Samson, Scarlet Roberts and Caitlyn Tynanes.



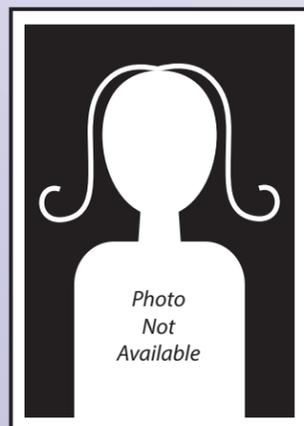
High School Winners



Scarlet Roberts
Leilehua High School - Gr. 12
First Place, 9th -12th Gr. Div.



Ruby Ann Sales
Farrington High School - Gr. 12
Second Place, 9th -12th Gr. Div.



Quiana Sanders
McKinley High School - Gr. 12
Third Place, 9th -12th Gr. Div.

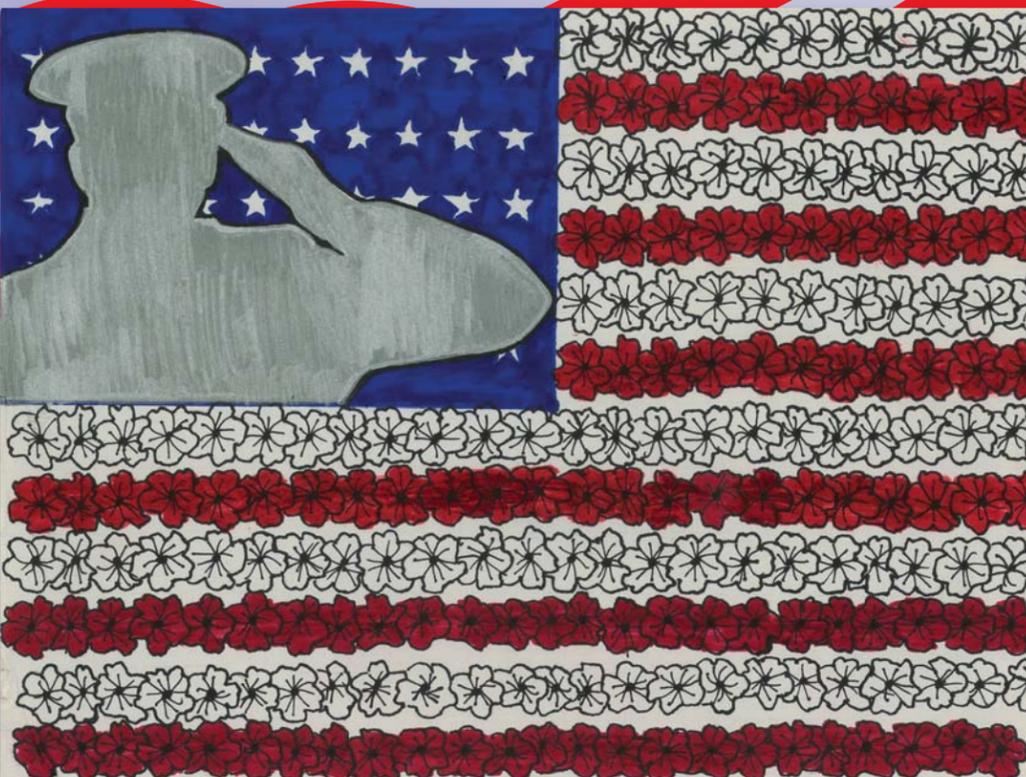
Middle School Winners



Caitlyn Tynanes
Kapolei Middle School - Gr. 8
First Place, 5th - 8th Gr. Div.



Julia Samson
Kapolei Middle School - Gr. 7
Second Place, 5th - 8th Gr. Div.



Alicia Acosta
Waipahu Intermediate School - Gr. 8
Third Place, 5th - 8th Gr. Div.

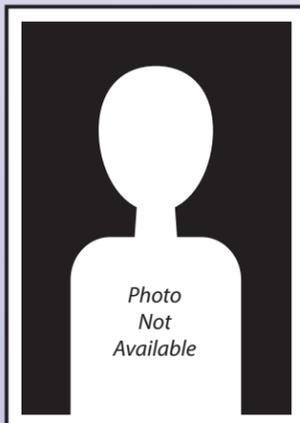
Elementary School Winners



Kevin Kalani
Keoneula Elementary School - Gr. 4
First Place, Kindergarten - 4th Gr. Div.



Cairus Briceno
Kipapa Elementary School - Gr. 2
Second Place, Kindergarten - 4th Gr. Div.



Elijah Waiters
Kipapa Elementary School - Gr. 3
Third Place, Kindergarten - 4th Gr. Div.