

Brenna Sullivan wins local Lions peace poster contest

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Holyoke sixth-grader Brenna Sullivan has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning a local competition sponsored by Holyoke Lions Club.

Sullivan's poster was among more than 350,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

The poster was selected by Holyoke Lions Club members for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "Imagine Peace." The judging was held on Oct. 19 at the Lion's Den.

Second place went to Mauro Morales, and Jaydy Dominguez earned third.

Holyoke Lions Club president Hank Hassler said he was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students at Holyoke Grade School. "It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions."



Local students who placed in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest are pictured from left, front row, Jaydy Dominguez, Mauro Morales and Brenna Sullivan, with contest chairperson Carol Lemmon and Lions Club president Hank Hassler in back.

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“Sullivan’s poster will advance through the district, multiple district and international levels of competition if she is to be declared the international grand prize winner,” Hassler said.

One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$2,500 plus a trip for the winner and two family members to an awards ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of \$500.

“Our club is cheering for Brenna as her poster advances in the competition, and we hope that her vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world,” Hassler said.

Locally, Sullivan and two other students were honored for their participation by the Holyoke Lions Club Oct. 25 at the Lion’s Den.

View past international grand prize winners at www.lionsclubs.org . Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization with more than 1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in 205 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.

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