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Students win bookmark contest, earn UESP college savings scholarships

Utah children's artwork rewarded with funds for higher education

(Salt Lake City) Eight Utah students won \$1,000 Utah Educational Savings Plan (UESP) college savings scholarship accounts for their entries in the UESP and StepUp to Higher Education's Make Your Mark bookmark contest. Their bookmarks were selected from among 1,500 entries across four age categories.

Winners in the K-3 category were Sophia Carr, a second-grader from Adams Elementary School in Logan City School District, and Walker Heiner, a third-grader from North Davis Preparatory Academy in Layton.

Fourth- through sixth-grade winners included Eliana Zinger, a fifth-grade student at Wasatch Elementary in Salt Lake City School District, and Kennedy Lopez, a sixth-grade student at Freedom Elementary School in Alpine School District.

Two students from Midvale Middle School in Canyons School District won the 7-8 category: Danju Zoe Liu, a seventh-grader; and Elizabeth Martin, an eighth-grader.

High school students Mia Hilton, a sophomore at Sky View High School in Cache County School District, and senior Aliyah Hagen from Jordan School District's Herriman High School, won the 9-12 category.

The winners were honored at an awards luncheon held November 7 at Zions Bank headquarters in Salt Lake City.

Make Your Mark, in its seventh year, was held in conjunction with Governor Gary Herbert's declaration of September as College Savings Month. The contest advocates saving and preparing for higher education and promotes reading and the arts.

The winners can use their \$1,000 UESP college savings scholarship accounts at any college, university, or technical school in the United States or abroad that participates in federal financial aid programs for students.

"Make Your Mark helps students jump start or add to their college savings," said Lynne Ward, UESP executive director. "It's never too early or too late to start saving, and even small amounts go a long way toward helping with higher education costs. Utah families can receive the added benefit of state tax credits for saving."

See the winning entries at uesp.org. For more information about the Utah Educational Savings Plan, visit uesp.org, call UESP at 800.418.2551, or email info@uesp.org.

About UESP

UESP, Utah's official nonprofit 529 college savings plan, is highly ranked by Morningstar Inc., *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine, *Money* magazine, CBS MoneyWatch.com, and consumer expert Clark Howard for its low fees and industry innovations such as its customized allocation investment options.

Accounts are free to open, and UESP requires no minimum deposit or account balance. UESP's user-friendly website, uesp.org, makes it easy to open, manage, and contribute to an account online.

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