



LOST PINES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING ESSAYS ON WATER CONSERVATION

[GIDDINGS, TEXAS | December 10, 2024] – The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District (LPGCD) is proud to announce the winners of its High School Senior Essay Contest. This year’s contest invited students in Bastrop and Lee Counties to share their insights and ideas on critical topics such as water conservation, groundwater sustainability, and drought management. The essay contest, part of LPGCD’s ongoing Education and Outreach initiative, aims to engage young minds in meaningful discussions about protecting one of our most precious natural resources - groundwater. LPGCD extends its gratitude to the teachers, parents, and schools who supported this year’s contest.

The winners will be honored at our December 18th board meeting at 3:30 PM at our district office. The 2024 Essay Contest winners are:

- **1st Place:** Emma Roth, Roth Classical Academy
Essay Title: *Starting Small: Water Conservation from the Home to the World*
Award: \$500
- **2nd Place:** Kaitlyn Shelton, Giddings High School
Essay Title: *Why Water Conservation is Important to Me*
Award: \$300
- **3rd Place:** Braden Meuth
Essay Title: *The Importance of Water Conservation in My Community*
Award: \$200

“The quality of the essays we received this year was truly exceptional,” said Sheril Smith, Chair of the LPGCD Education Committee. “These students not only demonstrated an understanding of water conservation but also inspired us with their innovative ideas and solutions.”

ABOUT THE LOST PINES GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District is dedicated to the protection and conservation of groundwater resources in Bastrop and Lee Counties. Through educational programs, community outreach, and strategic resource management, the District strives to ensure sustainable water supplies for current and future generations.

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