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North Dakota Junior Duck Stamp Winners Announced

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NORTH DAKOTA – An acrylic painting titled “*The Great Flight*” submitted by Daniel Schumacher of Linton, ND was selected by judges to be the 2019 Best of Show winner in the North Dakota Junior Duck Stamp Contest.

The artist, 16-year-old Daniel Schumacher has claimed the Best of Show title for a second year in a row. This year his entry featured a Mallard duck in flight. This is Daniels sixth year entering the competition and he plans to continue through his high school years.

On April 19, 2019 Daniel’s artwork will compete at the National Junior Duck Stamp Contest, along with other state and U.S. territory entries. The contest will be held at Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, MD. Scholarships are awarded to the top three artists and the winning conservation message of the National contest.

In her third year entering the contest, 17-year-old Sydney Nelson of Valley City, N.D, received Runner-up Best of Show honors with her colored pencil and acrylic paint entry of a swimming drake Green-winged Teal. Sydney has earned a 1st place award in each of the three years she has entered, advancing even further to the Runner-up Best of Show in this year’s event. When asked how she chooses her duck to draw, Sydney replied, “I try not to choose the ugliest duck and choose a well-known species”.

This year’s North Dakota Conservation Message winner is Brylee Stuberg, age 8 from Leeds, ND. She wrote “Teal are green, teal are blue, ducks need a home just like you.” Brylee’s message will also compete at the National competition on April 19, 2019.

The North Dakota Junior Duck Stamp Program is an art- and science-based curriculum that teaches wetland and waterfowl conservation to students in kindergarten through high school. This year, 1,075 students in grades K-12 participated in the conservation program.

An awards ceremony for the North Dakota Junior Duck Stamp Program will be held for all first, second, and third place winners and their families, at the North Dakota Heritage Center and Museum in Bismarck, on Saturday, May 4, 2019. Winning students will be recognized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ducks Unlimited, Prairie Pothole Partners, Audubon Refuge Partners, Inc., Friends of Sullys Hill and wildlife clubs from throughout North Dakota. The winning artwork will be exhibited throughout the state

at national wildlife refuge events, zoos, shopping malls, schools, Fargo Scheels, the State Capitol, and other locations throughout the year. Winning artwork can be viewed on the North Dakota Junior Duck Stamp Program Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/NDJuniorDuckStamp/>

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First, second and third place winners in each of the four age groups:

<p><u>1st Place - Group 1 (Grade K-3)</u> Archer Ackerson - Sherwood Cassia Coleman - Baldwin Gabriel Coleman - Baldwin</p> <p><u>1st Place - Group 2 (Grade 4-6)</u> Emily Green - Devils Lake Grace Harkness – Devils Lake Savanah McKay – Devils Lake</p>	<p><u>1st Place - Group 3 (Grade 7-9)</u> McKenzie Balzer – Bismarck McKenzie Davies – West Fargo Emily Klein – Valley City</p> <p><u>1st Place - Group 4 (Grade 10-12)</u> Sydney Nelson – Valley City (Runner-up Best of Show) Daniel Schumacher – Linton (BEST OF SHOW) Monisha Terry – Valley City</p>
<p><u>2nd Place - Group 1 (Grade K-3)</u> Levi Bro - Bismarck Mila Fagerholt - Hoople Margo Senyk – Devils Lake</p> <p><u>2nd Place - Group 2 (Grade 4-6)</u> Ethan Bro – Bismarck Presley Brown – St. Michael Elizabeth Fedje - Hoople</p>	<p><u>2nd Place - Group 3 (Grade 7-9)</u> Kacy Crowe – Valley City Mackenzie Kunze – Valley City Peyton Pederson – Valley City</p> <p><u>2nd Place - Group 4 (Grade 10-12)</u> Mya Anderson – Valley City Elizabeth Gazeley – Valley City Alora Woodruff – Garrison</p>
<p><u>3rd Place - Group 1 (Grade K-3)</u> Makenna Gates – Mohall Maria Jose Jaramillo - Jamestown Dylan O’Toole - Crystal</p> <p><u>3rd Place - Group 2 (Grade 4-6)</u> Cabryn Fritel – Devils Lake Jacob Hanson – Devils Lake Vivian Lundeen -Alexander</p>	<p><u>3rd Place - Group 3 (Grade 7-9)</u> Angela Chen – Devils Lake Dylann Diegel –Valley City Emma Langemo – Valley City</p> <p><u>3rd Place - Group 4 (Grade 10-12)</u> Alliya Anderson –Valley City Katy Meester – Valley City Olivia Slyter – Valley City</p>

Honorable Mention winners in each of the four age groups:

Group 1 (K-Grade 3)

Zach Anderson – Valley City
Sitota Asmamaw - Minot
Chloe Bjornson - Hoople
Abigail Bro - Bismarck
Bryson Dather - Leeds
Jackson Douville – St. Thomas
Frances Ganssle - Crystal
Trustin Gourneau – St. Thomas
Jack Green – St. Thomas
Ava Keysor - Kenmare
Sheridan Lakefield - Mohall
Haas Lundeen - Alexander
Veda Peuser - Jamestown
Kyla Wallery – St. Thomas
Vega Widmer - Jamestown
Beau Wieler – Crystal

Group 2 (Grades 4-6)

Sophie Cavanaugh – Devils Lake
Harley DeTienne – New Town
Scarlet Dreger - Hoople
Cale Ensrud - Alexander
Olivia Follman - York
Mathew Graue – Devils Lake
Dominick Heck - Mandan
Leah Heth - Antler
Emma Hove – Park River
Skyleigh Jetty – St. Michael
Sam Kittelson - Hoople
Weston Nelson – Devils Lake
Karley Ness – Devils Lake
Mya Paulson - Hoople
Tessa Rebenitsch - Mandan
Owen Tichy – Tower City

Group 3 (Grades 7-9)

Jeremiah Crosby - Williston
Everett Fedje - Hoople
Amber Knutson - Kathryn
Ashton Knutson - Mountain
Jaden LeTellier – Valley City
Elizabeth Moldenhauer - Kenmare
Trinity Nelson – Valley City
Bree Peterson – Devils Lake
Grace Struble – Valley City

Group 4 (Grades 10-12)

Ariana Abrahamson – Valley City
Cody Abrahamson – Valley City
Jared Eggermont – Valley City
Cheri Esquibel - Garrison
Talia Germann - Hope
Gage Gould – Valley City
Ellyana LaFond – Grand Forks
Paige Nelson – Valley City
Elena Origlia – Valley City
Tucker Schonert – Valley City
Benjamin Schuldheisz – Valley City
Alexis Smith – Valley City
Shannon Stanger Horse - Garrison
Lexi Triebold – Valley City
Corynna Turnquist -Alexander
Aurora Ziniel – Valley City

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Best of Show Artwork – Daniel Schumacher, Linton ND (see file attachment *BOS-Daniel Schumacher*)
Daniel Schumacher Photograph (see file attachment *Daniel Schumacher*)

Best of Show Runner-Up Artwork – Sydney Nelson, Valley City ND (see file attachment *RU-BOS-Sydney Nelson*)
Sydney Nelson Photograph (see file attachment *Sydney Nelson*)

ARTWORK PHOTOS ARE AVAILABLE IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT OF THE 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE WINNERS UPON REQUEST - please email colleen_graue@fws.gov