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**BYSIEWICZ HONORS DOZENS OF 11 YEAR-OLDS FROM
ACROSS CONNECTICUT FOR THEIR AWARD
WINNING POSTERS**

CONNECTICUT'S POSTER CHILDREN: BLENDING ART WITH A MESSAGE OF GOOD
CITIZENSHIP

Hartford – Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz joined dozens of 5th graders from across Connecticut on Monday May 21st at the Old Judiciary Room in the State Capitol for the awards ceremony for the Secretary of the State's 10th Annual Poster Contest. Secretary Bysiewicz honored 25 students – selected from a field of more than 1,000 entrants – for their posters depicting acts of good citizenship happening in their community.

“We have reviewed more than 10,000 essays since this contest began a decade ago,” said Bysiewicz, “and this year’s winners should be proud that their works are among the very best.”

The top five posters came from students in the towns of Manchester, Waterford, Stratford, Trumbull, and Watertown and included the following themes: voting, donating blood, sending care packages to troops overseas, volunteering for charities, recycling and improving the environment.

“It is a disappointing fact that typically 20 percent of 20 year-olds vote while 80 percent of 80 year-olds vote,” said Bysiewicz. “If we really want to get younger people more involved, we must engage them early and often. This poster contest is a great way to do that – to get students thinking about how they can each be good citizens.”

Five winning posters were selected from each of Connecticut’s five congressional districts. Each set of winning essays consisted of a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner, along with two students who received honorable mention. Every student honored at Monday’s event received a \$25 gift certificate from Barnes & Noble bookstore.

Student information is listed below:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Town</u>
1st Place	Keeyan Ghosh	Highland Park School	Manchester
1st Place	Devin Appleby	Great Neck Elementary School	Waterford
1st Place	Carly Fabbri	Saint James School	Stratford
1st Place	Katie Richardson	Saint Catherine of Sienna School	Trumbull
1st Place	Greta Wagner	Fletcher W. Judson School	Watertown
2nd Place	Selena Ramirez	M.D. Fox Elementary School	Hartford
2nd Place	Rebecca Neigel	Groton Heights Elementary	Groton
2nd Place	Eliseah Jacobs	Saint Brendan School	New Haven
2nd Place	Jenna Pellegrino	Fox Run Elementary School	Norwalk
2nd Place	Miranda Squallace	Fletcher W. Judson School	Watertown
3rd Place	Brenna Gordon	Saint James School	Manchester
3rd Place	Krista Faulino	Center Elementary School	East Hampton
3rd Place	Marilyn Pinos	Columbus Family Academy	New Haven
3rd Place	Max Wright	King and Low-Heywood Thomas School	Stamford
3rd Place	Bessie Gryniuc	Saint Peter/Saint Francis School	Torrington
Hon. Mention	Lilly Morrone	Highland Park School	Manchester
Hon. Mention	Adrian Perkins	Highland Park School	Manchester
Hon. Mention	Cassidy Friedlander	Great Neck Elementary School	Waterford
Hon. Mention	Sara Rutkowski	Elmer Thienes Mary Hall Elementary School	Marlborough
Hon. Mention	Addie Egan	Saint James School	Stratford
Hon. Mention	Sara Bennett	Hamden Hall Country Day School	Hamden
Hon. Mention	Amanda Daniel	Saint Catherine of Sienna School	Trumbull
Hon. Mention	Kelly Tracy	All Saints Catholic School	Norwalk
Hon. Mention	Kathryn D’Alessandro	Saint Rose School	Newtown
Hon. Mention	Laura Illiescu	Saint Bridget School	Cheshire

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