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# Press Release

## ***RMLD Honors Local High School Students Following Art Contest***

**Reading, MA** – Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) honored the participants and winners of its third annual public power themed high school student art contest at an awards ceremony held on October 1<sup>st</sup> at its office in Reading. Awards were presented by RMLD General Manager Coleen O’Brien and Board of Commission members Philip Pacino and Thomas O’Rourke.

This year, students were asked to create artwork commemorating RMLD’s 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Four winners were selected based on the creativity of the artwork and the message that was portrayed:

Nessren Ourdyl, Grade 11, North Reading High School, for her piece titled *125 Years of Connection*.

Laura Buscemi, Grade 12, North Reading High School, for her piece titled *Continuing to Thrive at 125*.

Jesse Ding, Grade 11, Wilmington High School, her piece titled *Light Up as a Community*.

Yuzhe Tian, Grade 11, St. John’s Preparatory, Reading, for his piece titled *125 Years Through History*.

Each of the winners was awarded a \$75 Staples gift card for school supplies, and all other participants were given an honorable mention to thank them for their creativity and for submitting their original artwork. All participating students received a certificate for ten hours of community service for taking part in the contest.

RMLD’s Board of Commissioners will vote on which of the winning artwork will be featured on the cover of RMLD’s 2019 Annual Report at an upcoming Commission meeting. The student that is selected will receive an additional \$25 Staples gift card.

The artwork may be viewed on RMLD’s website at <https://www.rml.com/community/slideshows/high-school-art-contest-2019-results>.

Thanks to all who participated in RMLD’s High School Student Art Contest!

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**About Reading Municipal Light Department:** Established in 1894, Reading Municipal Light Department is a municipal electric utility serving over 68,000 residents in the towns of Reading, North Reading, Wilmington, and Lynnfield Center. RMLD has over 29,000 meter connections within its service territory.

## Photo Caption\*



From left to right: RMLD Commissioner Philip Pacino, RMLD Commissioner Thomas O'Rourke, Winner Laura Buscemi of North Reading, and RMLD General Manager Coleen O'Brien



From left to right: RMLD Commissioner Philip Pacino, RMLD General Manager Coleen O'Brien, Winner Jesse Ding of Wilmington, and RMLD Commissioner Thomas O'Rourke

\*Winners Nessren Ourdyl and Yuzhe Tian were not present for the awards ceremony.