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Press Release

RMLD Honors Local High School Students Following Art Contest

Reading, MA – On May 12, 2021, the Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) honored the participants and winners of its fourth annual public power themed High School Art Contest at a virtual awards ceremony. General Manager Coleen O'Brien gave a brief description of the contest objectives as well as an overview of the RMLD STEM focused career opportunities that an electric utility can offer. Commissioners Philip Pacino and John Stempeck presented the awards.

The theme of the fourth annual High School Art Contest was resilience. The global pandemic has presented many challenges over the past year and a half, and these challenges provided the opportunity for individuals, organizations, and businesses to demonstrate their resilience. Students were asked to visually portray the concept of resilience and incorporate the RMLD and/or electricity into the artwork. Students were also asked to submit a short write-up to accompany their artwork.

Four winners were selected based on the creativity of the artwork and the message that was portrayed:

First Place - Audrey LaConte, Wilmington High School, Grade 10

Artwork: Working Through the Storm

Second Place - Julia Kane, Wilmington High School, Grade 10

Artwork: Touch of Light

Third Place - Jesse Ding, Wilmington High School, Grade 12

Artwork: Rise up with Resilience

Fourth Place - Abigail LeBovidge, Reading Memorial High School, Grade 10

Artwork: Wired for Learning

Each winner was awarded a gift card for qualified school or art supplies. The winning submissions will be featured in RMLD's 2020 Annual Report with the first-place submission as the cover art. All participating students received a certificate for ten hours of community service for taking part in the contest.

"Speaking on behalf of the RMLD staff, the Commissioners, the CAB members, and including myself, there was an expressed gratitude for the tremendous amount of inspiration that each of the artwork and narrative submittals invoked. I would highly recommend viewing these submittals on our website; I assure you that they will have the same impact," said Coleen O'Brien, General Manager.

All artwork submissions and accompanying write-ups may be viewed at <https://www.rml.com/community/files/hs-art-contest-2020-2021-artwork>.

Thanks to all who participated in RMLD's fourth annual High School Art Contest!

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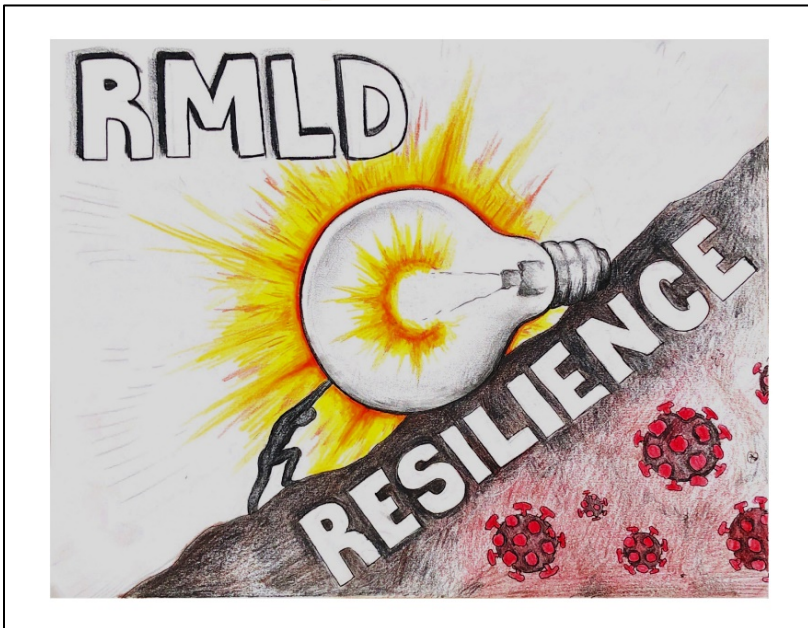
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RMLD High School Art Contest First-Place Winner - Audrey LaConte, Wilmington High School, Grade 10
Artwork: Working Through the Storm



RMLD High School Art Contest Second-Place Winner - Julia Kane, Wilmington High School, Grade 10
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About Reading Municipal Light Department: Established in 1894, Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) is a municipal electric utility serving over 70,000 residents in the towns of Reading, North Reading, Wilmington, and Lynnfield Center. RMLD has over 29,000 meter connections within its service territory.