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## NAHMA National Poster Contest Winners Bring Stories to Life

*Alexandria, Va., July 12, 2019* — Kaia Carpenter, a 12th-grader from Summerville, S.C., has been named the grand prizewinner in NAHMA's annual AHMA Drug-Free Kids poster and art contest. The talented artist's creation will appear on the cover of NAHMA's 2020 calendar. Kaia, 19, also receives an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for NAHMA's Biannual Top Issues in Affordable Housing fall conference, Oct. 27-29, as well as a scholarship of \$2,500 from the NAHMA [Educational Foundation](#).

The poster contest is open to children and senior residents 55 years or older who live in a community of a NAHMA or a local Affordable Housing Management Association (AHMA) member company, as well as residents with special needs who live in a permanent supportive housing community or Section 811 community of a NAHMA or a local AHMA member company.

The underlying message for the annual contest is always a drug-free theme but NAHMA wanted to open the door for more avenues of expression, so a subtheme is incorporated into the poster contest. The subtheme for 2019 is *Sharing Our Stories: Learning from Others, Young and Old*.

Nearly 5,000 eligible residents participated in the nationwide contest.

Each national winner of the NAHMA contest—regardless of entry category—receives a \$1,000 educational scholarship from the NAHMA Educational Foundation. All winners are also featured as their own month in the 2020 calendar.

Additionally, participants in the annual art contests held by the local AHMAs are eligible to be selected as Regional AHMA Art Contest Honorable Mentions. Those selected for this distinction will have their artwork featured in a special section of the NAHMA 2020 Drug-Free Kids calendar and receive a \$100 scholarship. These participants are in addition to those selected as national winners.

The original winning grand prize artwork will be auctioned at the Educational Foundation gala, Oct. 28, with the proceeds supporting the foundation's scholarship program.

For the contest, the artwork is divided into categories with winners selected from each of the following: kindergarten-first grade, second-third grades, fourth-sixth grades, seventh-ninth grades, 10th-12th grades, seniors and residents with special needs. Only students are eligible for the grand prize.

Calendars go on sale beginning in September and are available by visiting NAHMA's [Online Store](#) at [www.nahma.org](http://www.nahma.org). The cost of the calendar is \$5.50, which is a Department of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Department of Agriculture allowable project expense.

The following lists this year's national program winners, with their ages at time of submission, grade completed in June 2019/contest category, community where they live, management company and name of the AHMA that submitted their artwork:

#### **GRAND PRIZEWINNER**

- Kaia Carpenter, 19; 12th grade; Parkway Village, Summerville, S.C.; Westminster Company; SAHMA

#### **NATIONAL WINNERS**

- Lisa Caldwell, 55; special needs; Rockwood Manor Apartments, Greensboro, N.C.; Westminster Company; SAHMA
- Vladik Camp, 10; fifth grade; Arroyo at Baker Ranch, Lake Forest, Calif.; Solari Enterprises; AHMA-PSW
- Treyvon Dones, 9; third grade; Moorhead Manor Apartments, Moorhead, Miss.; Michaels Management; SAHMA
- Nikki Gillespie, 71; senior; Carson Retirement Residence, Pittsburgh, Penn.; CMS Housing; PAHMA
- Simran Heyer, 9; third grade; Los Robles, Union City, Calif.; EAH Housing; AHMA-NCH
- Maria Japa, 14; ninth grade; Hillcrest Village, Providence, R.I.; POAH Communities; NEAHMA
- Jamaica Johnson, 16; 11th grade; Crawford Square Apartments, Pittsburgh, Penn.; McCormack Baron Management; PAHMA
- Selena Miller, 18; 12th grade; The Fairways, Worcester, Mass.; First Realty Management; NEAHMA
- Angie Montero, 14; ninth grade; Lakeside Towers, Miami, Fla.; Royal America Management; SAHMA
- Don Phillips, 70; senior; Princeton Towers, Birmingham, Ala.; SPM Property Management; SAHMA
- Diego Salcido, 10; fifth grade; Strathern Park, Sun Valley, Calif.; Thomas Safran & Associates; AHMA-PSW
- A'zaylen Stidmon, 6; kindergarten; North Hills Manor Apartments, Meridian, Miss.; Michaels Management; SAHMA
- Camila Tolentino, 11; sixth grade; Taunton Gardens Apartments, Taunton, Mass.; First Realty Management; NEAHMA

#### **HONORABLE MENTIONS**

- Emyra Arnold-Jones, 9; third grade; West End Baptist Manor, San Antonio, Texas; McDougal Companies; SWAHMA
- Dianna Banks, 72; senior; Opportunities Towers I and II, Philadelphia, Penn.; Community Realty Management; PennDel AHMA
- Marc Lambert, 67; senior; Hillcrest Elderly Apartments, Cincinnati, Ohio; The Benchmark Group; MAHMA
- Kaya Lopez, 9; third grade; Council Groves Apartments, Missoula, Mont.; Tamarack Property Management Co.; Rocky AHMA
- Nathan Rosario, 14; eighth grade; Browns Woods, Browns Mills, N.J.; Housing Management Resources Inc.; JAHMA
- Divina Saavedra, 67; senior; Evergreen Commons, Houston, Texas; Multifamily Mission Ministries; AHMA East Texas

- Beth Spangler, 57; senior; Fieldstone Apartments, Blacksburg, Va.; Park Properties Management Company; Mid-Atlantic AHMA

### **About NAHMA**

NAHMA is the leading voice for affordable housing management, advocating on behalf of multifamily property managers and owners whose mission is to provide quality affordable housing. NAHMA supports legislative and regulatory policy that promotes the development and preservation of decent and safe affordable housing, is a vital resource for technical education and information and fosters strategic relations between government and industry. NAHMA's membership represents 75% of the affordable housing industry, and includes its most distinguished multifamily owners and management companies. Visit [www.nahma.org](http://www.nahma.org) for more information.

### **About the NAHMA Educational Foundation**

The NAHMA Educational Foundation is organized and operated exclusively as a Section 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Founded in October 1994, the NAHMA Educational Foundation works to assist residents of federally subsidized housing as they strive to enhance their lives, job opportunities and children's futures. Its mission is also to enhance the livability and standing of communities managed by NAHMA member companies nationwide. For more information, visit [www.nahma.org/about/educational-foundation](http://www.nahma.org/about/educational-foundation).

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