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Be One of the First to Own the 2018 NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendar

Alexandria, Va., Sept. 11, 2017 — Preorder your 2018 National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Drug-Free Kids Calendar now by visiting the [Online Store](#) at www.nahma.org. A downloadable [order form](#) is also available on the calendar contest webpage. The calendars will begin shipping in mid-September. The cost is \$5.50 per calendar, which is a Department of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Department of Agriculture allowable project expense.

The [calendars](#) feature outstanding original artwork by children, seniors and adults with special needs living in affordable multifamily housing. The underlying message for the annual calendar contest is always a drug-free theme but the association wanted to open the door for more avenues of expression, so a subtheme is incorporated into the poster contest. The subtheme this year is Learning Will Get Me Where I'm Going: Reaching for Knowledge.

Worla Dra-Zonyrah, a sixth-grader from Worcester, Mass., was selected the grand prizewinner in the annual AHMA Drug-Free Kids poster and art contest. His artwork appears on the cover of NAHMA's 2018 calendar. Worla, 12, also receives an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for NAHMA's State of Affordable Housing in America fall meeting in October, as well as a scholarship of \$2,500 from the NAHMA Educational Foundation.

Nearly 5,000 eligible children, senior and residents with special needs participated in the nationwide contest. Each winner of the NAHMA contest receives a \$1,000 educational scholarship from the NAHMA Educational Foundation. All winners are also featured in the 2018 calendar.

Additionally, participants in the annual art contests held by the local Affordable Housing Management Associations (AHMAs) are eligible to be selected as Regional AHMA Art Contest Honorable Mentions. Those selected for this distinction are featured in a special section of the 2018 NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendar and receive a \$100 educational scholarship.

For the contest, the artwork is divided into seven 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.

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

GRAND PRIZEWINNER

- Worla Dra-Zonyrah, 12, sixth grade; Stratton Hill Park, Worcester, Mass.; Corcoran Management; NEAHMA

NATIONAL WINNERS

- Kheahna Davis, 8, third grade; Sunflower Lane Apartments, Clarksdale, Miss.; The Michaels Organization; SAHMA
- Moriah Fordjour, 6, first grade; Stratton Hill Park, Worcester, Mass.; Corcoran Management; NEAHMA
- Uriel Fordjour, 10, fifth grade; Stratton Hill Park, Worcester, Mass.; Corcoran Management; NEAHMA
- Deyha L. Gomez, 10, fifth grade; Riverwalk Apartments, San Diego, Calif.; Solari Enterprises; AHMA-PSW
- J. Johnson, 14, ninth grade; Crawford Square, Pittsburgh, Penn.; McCormack Baron Management Services; PAHMA
- Anthony Keshishyan, 11, sixth grade; The Gardens on Garfield, Glendale, Calif.; Thomas Safran & Associates; AHMA-PSW
- Arusyak Keshishyan, 16, 11th grade; The Gardens on Garfield, Glendale, Calif.; Thomas Safran & Associates; AHMA-PSW
- Jennifer Lauzon, 17, 11th grade; Bay Village, Fall River, Mass.; First Realty Management Corp.; NEAHMA
- Jessica Lauzon, 13, eighth grade; Bay Village, Fall River, Mass.; First Realty Management Corp.; NEAHMA
- Winnie Mei, 17, 11th grade; Charlesview Residences, Brighton, Mass.; Peabody Properties Inc.; NEAHMA
- Jean Mistretta, 74, senior; Linwood Mill, Whitinsville, Mass.; Peabody Properties Inc.; NEAHMA
- José Ribot Rosa, 66, senior; Trigo Elderly Housing, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Martinal Management Corporation; SAHMA
- Diego Salcido, 8, third grade; Strathern Court, Sun Valley, Calif.; Thomas Safran & Associates; AHMA-PSW

HONORABLE MENTIONS

- Kenny Camacho, 48, special needs; Winteringham Village, Toms River, N.J.; The Michaels Organization; JAHMA
- Marianna Gonzalez, 10, fifth grade; Village Park Apartments, Scranton, Penn.; The Michaels Organization; PennDel AHMA
- Beverly Hamler, 71, senior; Logan Place, Mansfield, Ohio; Gorsuch Management/Fairfield Homes; MAHMA
- Ariana Lemus, 9, third grade; Don De Dios Apartments, San Jose, Calif.; EAH Housing; AHMA-NCH
- Jada McCaslin, 12, seventh grade; West End Baptist Manor Apartments, San Antonio, Texas; McDougal Property Management; SWAHMA
- Phyllis Monroe, 58, senior; Parc Crest Apartments, Farmville, Va.; Park Properties; Mid-Atlantic AHMA
- Divina Saavedra, 75, senior; Evergreen Commons, Houston, Texas; Multifamily Management Ministries Housing; AHMA East Texas
- Elliot Seymour, 17, 11th grade; Council Groves Apartments, Missoula, Mont.; Tamarack Property Management Co.; Rocky AHMA
- Jiahui Wu, 13, seventh grade; Kuna Valley Run Apartments, Kuna, Idaho; Northwest Real Estate Capital Corp.; Idaho AHMA

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