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Be One of the First to Own the 2019 NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendar

Alexandria, Va., Sept. 6, 2018 — Preorder your 2019 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 Hope Is in Bloom: Nurturing Our Community.

Ani Keshishyan, a ninth-grader from Glendale, Calif., was selected the grand prizewinner in the annual AHMA Drug-Free Kids poster and art contest. Her artwork appears on the cover of NAHMA's 2019 calendar. Ani, 14, also receives an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for NAHMA's Biannual Top Issues in Affordable Housing fall conference, as well as a scholarship of \$2,500 from the NAHMA Educational Foundation.

Nearly 5,000 eligible children, seniors 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 2019 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 2019 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

- Ani Keshishyan, 14; ninth grade; The Gardens on Garfield, Glendale, Calif.; Thomas Safran & Associates; AHMA-PSW

NATIONAL WINNERS

- Ruth Behan, 44; senior; HDC Foundation, New Port Richey, Fla.; The Columbia Property Group; SAHMA
- Freya Camp, 7; second grade; The Arroyo at Baker Ranch, Lake Forest, Calif.; Solari Enterprises; AHMA-PSW
- Vladik Camp, 9; fourth grade; The Arroyo at Baker Ranch, Lake Forest, Calif.; Solari Enterprises; AHMA-PSW
- Aubrey Frimpong, 8; third grade; Stratton Hill Park, Worcester, Mass.; Beacon Communities; NEAHMA
- Anthony Keshishyan, 12; seventh grade; The Gardens on Garfield, Glendale, Calif.; Thomas Safran & Associates; AHMA-PSW
- Marc Lambert, 65; senior; Hillcrest Elderly Apartments, Cincinnati, Ohio; Benchmark Management Corporation; MAHMA
- Jessica Lauzon, 14; ninth grade; Bay Village Apartments, Fall River, Mass.; First Realty Management; NEAHMA
- Winnie Mei, 18; 12th grade; Charlesview Residences, Brighton, Mass.; Peabody Properties Inc.; NEAHMA
- Jean Mistretta, 75; senior; The Linwood Mill, Whitinsville, Mass.; Peabody Properties Inc.; NEAHMA
- Arian Saeidi, 7; first grade; The Arroyo at Baker Ranch, Lake Forest, Calif.; Solari Enterprises; AHMA-PSW
- Arya Saeidi, 12; fifth grade; The Arroyo at Baker Ranch, Lake Forest, Calif.; Solari Enterprises; AHMA-PSW
- Maura Sawyer, 67; senior; Framingham Green Apartments, Framingham, Mass.; Peabody Properties Inc.; NEAHMA
- Scarlet Sykes, 16; 10th grade; Paradise Shadows Apartments; Biltmore Properties; AHMA-PSW

HONORABLE MENTIONS

- Mia Cortez, 11; sixth grade; West End Baptist Manor, San Antonio, Texas; McDougal Properties; SWAHMA
- Nyah Degravie, 8; third grade; Houston House Apartments, Victoria, Texas; Prospera Housing Community Services; SWAHMA
- Jada Garrett, 9; third grade; Winteringham Village, Toms River, N.J.; The Michaels Organization; JAHMA
- Nahzirah Oliver, 8; second grade; Beckett Gardens, Philadelphia, Pa.; Community Reality Management; PennDel AHMA
- TyJanique Randolph, 10; fourth grade; Country Place Apartments, Henrico, Va.; Amurcon Realty Company; Mid-Atlantic AHMA
- Mariah Schoening, 15; ninth grade; Evergreen Manors, Altoona, Pa.; Improved Dwellings of Altoona Inc.; PAHMA
- Jacob Sedam-Simpson, 14; eighth grade; Featherstone Apartments, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Seldin Company; AHMA IA/NE
- Elliot Seymour, 18; 12th grade; Council Groves Apartments, Missoula, Mont.; Tamarack Property Management Company; Rocky AHMA
- Patricia Therese Valbuena, 17; 12th grade; Oak Court Apartments, Palo Alto, Calif.; Palo Alto Housing; AHMA-NCH

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