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Stock Up on 2024 NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendars

Alexandria, Va., Sept. 13, 2023 — The 2024 NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendar makes great back-to-school gifts or fun resident and staff giveaways. Avoid shipping delays by downloading the [order form](#) and sending it in today. The calendars will begin shipping in mid-September. The calendar cost is \$5.50 each, which is a Department of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Department of Agriculture allowable project expense.

[Purchase](#) calendars before Nov. 10, and you are automatically entered in the lucky draw for prizes, including NAHMA meeting registrations, books, and gift cards. There is a small shipping and handling fee for each calendar.

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. Still, the association wanted to open the door for more avenues of expression, so a subtheme was incorporated into the poster contest. This year's subtheme is People Helping People: Promote Acts of Kindness.

It also contains a QR code—which can be scanned using the camera on your smart device—that takes you to a [Calendar of Observances](#) to be more inclusive. The Calendar of Observances features a diverse listing of religious observations, and national and international holidays searchable by month. The calendar's individual pages feature the observed federal holidays as determined by the United States Office of Personnel Management.

Haneen Ames, an 11th grader from Toms River, N.J., 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 NAHMA's 2024 calendar cover. Haneen, 16, also receives an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for a future NAHMA Biannual Top Issues in Affordable Housing conference and a scholarship of \$2,500 from the NAHMA Educational Foundation.

Typically, the contest draws hundreds of participants nationwide. Each winner of the NAHMA contest receives a \$1,000 educational scholarship from the NAHMA Educational Foundation. All winners are also featured in the 2024 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 chosen for this distinction are featured in a special section of the 2024 NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendar and receive a \$100 educational scholarship.

For the contest, the artwork is divided into categories with winners selected from each of the following: kindergarten-first grade, second-third grade, fourth-sixth grade, seventh-ninth grade, and 10th-12th

grade, and finally, 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 at the time of submission, grade completed in June 2023, contest category, the community where they live, the management company, and name of the AHMA that submitted their artwork:

GRAND PRIZEWINNER

- Haneen Ames, 16; 11th Grade; Winteringham Village Apartments, Toms River, N.J.; The Michaels Organization; JAHMA

NATIONAL WINNERS

- Graling Arnold, 55; Seniors & Residents with Special Needs; Bedford Hill Apartments, Pittsburgh, Pa.; McCormack Baron Management Inc.; PAHMA
- Uriel Fordjour, 17; 11th Grade; Stratton Hill Park, Worcester, Mass.; Beacon Communities LLC; NEAHMA
- Tiffany Gunawan, 11; Fifth Grade; Market Mill Apartments, Lowell, Mass.; Peabody Properties Inc.; NEAHMA
- Ravnoor K. Heyer, 9; Third Grade; Los Robles Apartments, Union City, Calif.; EAH Housing; AHMA-NCH
- Mark Holup, 52; Seniors & Residents with Special Needs; Emanuel Village, Worcester, Mass.; Beacon Communities LLC; NEAHMA
- Kaya Lopez, 13; Seventh Grade; Council Groves Apartments, Missoula, Mont.; Tamarack Property Management Co.; Rocky Mountain Heartland AHMA
- Celena Mendoza, 18; 12th Grade; Village at McArdle Apartments, Corpus Christi, Texas; Prospera Housing Community Services; SWAHMA
- Lily Morway, 15; Ninth Grade; Stratton Hill Park Apartments, Worcester, Mass.; Beacon Communities LLC; NEAHMA
- Jamison Nwaise, 6; Kindergarten; Lowell Belvidere Housing, Lowell, Mass.; Peabody Properties Inc.; NEAHMA
- Skylar Nwaise, 11; Fifth Grade; Lowell Belvidere Housing, Lowell, Mass.; Peabody Properties Inc.; NEAHMA
- Mia Valentine, 8; Second Grade; Westview Valley Apartments, Greensboro, N.C.; Westminster Company; SAHMA
- Ashton Malik Williams, 7; First Grade; North Hill Manor Apartments, Meridian, Miss.; The Michaels Organization; SAHMA
- Robert Allan Williams, 86; Seniors & Residents with Special Needs; Bedford Green Apartments, Bedford, Mass.; Peabody Properties Inc.; NEAHMA

HONORABLE MENTIONS

- Lorri Becar, 55; Seniors & Residents with Special Needs; Winteringham Village Apartments, Toms River, N.J.; The Michaels Organization; JAHMA
- Anthony Keshishyan, 18; 12th Grade; The Gardens on Garfield, Glendale, Calif.; Thomas Safran & Associates; AHMA-PSW
- Nare Keshishyan, 12; Seventh Grade; The Gardens on Garfield, Glendale, Calif.; Thomas Safran & Associates; AHMA-PSW

- Lucy Lopez, 14; Eighth Grade; Council Groves Apartments, Missoula, Mont.; Tamarack Property Management Co.; Rocky Mountain Heartland AHMA

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