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Wisconsin Students Take Top Awards in the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) 2016 Poster/Photo Contest

Madison, February 6, 2017- The National Association of Conservation Districts held their annual meeting in Denver, Colorado January 31-February 3, 2017 in which NACD's poster and photo contests winners for 2016 were announced. Students from all across the country participate at the local, area and state level with state winners moving on to be judged at the annual NACD meeting.

"We are thrilled that our Wisconsin students did so well," said Jim VandenBrook, Executive Director of the WI Land+Water Conservation Assoc. "The Conservation Awareness Poster Contest is one of the many youth education programs that we host by partnering our land and water conservation departments with local schools. It's a great way to teach Wisconsin students conservation stewardship and showcase their artistic talents as well."

This year Wisconsin students won national recognition in multiple categories. The 2016 Poster theme was "We All Need Trees."

With over 250 kindergarten through 12th grade students submitting posters from more than 30 states, Wisconsin student Ciara Waltenberg representing Portage County, took 1st place in the kindergarten through first grade division.

In the seventh grade through ninth grade division, Brooklyn Hanson representing Ashland County, took 2nd place.

In the "Close-Up Conservation" category, Emma Lee, representing Vernon County, took 1st place in the youth division for her conservation photo.

For a full list of winners and to view the winning posters and photos visit:

Posters:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nacd/sets/72157679639647566>

Photos:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nacd/sets/72157678212106610>

to learn more about NACD's stewardship efforts, visit their website at:

<http://www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/stewardship-and-education-materials>

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