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Staten Island's "Don't Litter, Recycle" School Poster Contest

Ten Finalists Selected to Present June 26th at Staten Island Yankee Game

The Department of Sanitation, in collaboration with Pratt Industries, the Office of Borough President James S. Oddo, and the Department of Education, will be announcing the finalists of their borough-wide art contest that communicates "Don't Litter, Recycle!"—where students in Staten Island schools from Pre-K thru 8th grade were asked to create posters promoting the campaign for recycling.

The 10 semifinalists will be presenting their work on June 26th at the Staten Island Yankees game. Eight finalists will each receive a \$25 gift certificate, and the two winners will each receive a \$100 gift certificate. The winning artworks will be displayed on sanitation trucks throughout Staten Island, and the winning artists' schools will each receive a \$1,000 stipend.

"Congratulations to all of our finalists, who submitted fantastic anti-litter themed artwork," said BP Oddo. "Getting young people involved in the fight against litter is the key to stopping the next generation from littering. Through educational programs like this, we can teach our students about the importance of recycling and keeping our streets clean. Thank you to DSNY and Pratt Industries, who have been great partners on this initiative as well as other anti-littering programming in our borough."

"Younger age demographics are constantly paving the way toward a Zero Waste City, through initiatives that are actively promoting proper recycling and waste reduction," said Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia. "With our "Don't Litter, Recycle!" contest, we hope to see more children involved with keeping our streets clean— and this is an exciting, more creative way for them to feel like they are doing their part."

"We are so impressed with the quality and creativity of the "Don't Litter, Recycle!" poster submissions," stated Myles Cohen, president of Pratt Recycling. "It is just fantastic to see students getting involved at such a young age as they learn how recycling can benefit the borough of Staten Island; both environmentally and economically. Every pound of paper recycled on Staten Island stays in the borough to be made into brand new 100% recycled paper at our paper mill in the Travis neighborhood of Staten Island. Pratt is very proud of the two decade collaboration we have had with the Borough of Staten Island and DSNY, and we look forward to furthering this relationship over the next several decades."

The judging categories are middle school and elementary. Below are the names of the 10 finalists who will be presenting at Monday's game:

Middle School:

Danielle Durando, 6th Grade
St. Christopher School

Jessica Sam, 7th Grade
Our Lady Star of the Sea

Katherine Sokoloff, 8th Grade
Holy Rosary School

Roch Iskryzycki, 8th Grade
Holy Rosary School

Ariana Santora, 8th Grade
Our Lady Queen of Peace School

Elementary School:

Ella Biundo, 2nd Grade
St. Christopher School

Jaelyn Gonzalez, 2nd Grade
P.S. 30

Jesus Ramirez, 4th Grade
P.S. 78

Ryan Schnur, 4th Grade
St. Christopher School

Skyla Reyes, 5th Grade
P.S. 65

About the New York City Department of Sanitation

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) keeps New York City healthy, safe and clean by collecting, recycling and disposing of waste, cleaning streets and vacant lots, and clearing snow and ice. The Department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of more than 2,000 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms and 689 salt/sand spreaders. The Department clears litter, snow and ice from approximately 6,500 miles of City streets and removes debris from vacant lots as well as abandoned vehicles from City streets.