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HISD virtually announces student winners of 2020 holiday greeting card competition

Nov. 18, 2020 –Houston Independent School District Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan on Wednesday selected the winners of the district’s annual holiday greeting card competition, which features student artwork that highlights family holiday traditions.

A total of 18 finalists were named out of 99 entries. Of the finalists, three winning artists were selected from elementary, middle, and high school categories. This year’s top honors went to fifth-grader Ediel Chavez of Crespo Elementary School, seventh-grader Michell Garcia of Wharton Dual Language Academy, and senior Viviana Perez of Sam Houston MSTC. All received a boxed set of their holiday cards, a poster of their artwork for their campus, and 1.5 hours of art instruction at the Glassell School at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston.

“We had dozens of students participate in this annual contest, and I want to thank each of them for taking part in this holiday tradition,” Dr. Lathan said “This event is a testament to the high level of fine arts instruction available to our students in HISD.”

Each year, the district sends the student-created holiday greeting cards to principals and board members, as well as community leaders and partners.

The competition was organized by the HISD Fine Arts Department in partnership with the Equity and Outreach and Community Partnerships departments.

A complete collection of greeting cards featuring this year’s finalists can be view and purchased [here](#).

See our [photo gallery](#) including the winning artwork by Chavez, Garcia and Perez.

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