



## **Congratulations to the Winners of the Polk County Bar Association & ARAG® 2021 Law Day Student Competition**

The Theme this year was “Advancing the Rule of Law Now”. Our virtual Law Day Celebration and Awards Ceremony was held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 through Zoom.

Polk County Bar Association President Nicholas Cooper welcomed everyone.

Justice Christopher McDonald of the Iowa Supreme Court presented an explanation to the whole group about the importance of the Rule of Law.

Next the Committee co-chairs Stephanie Maret and Laura Lockwood presented the two teacher awards for having the most students participate in Law Day.

After that, the Group split up into three different breakout rooms for Elementary School, Middle School and High School.

Judge Romonda Belcher, from Polk County District Court, presented in the Elementary School breakout room. The presenter for the Middle School breakout room was Administrative Law Judge Henry Hamilton III. Justice McDonald presented further information on the Rule of Law for the High School breakout room. The student awards were presented by Laura Lockwood (Elementary School), Stephanie Maret (Middle School) and Judge Mary Tabor from the Iowa Court of Appeals (High School).

A PowerPoint of all student’s winning entries was shown by AmeriCorps volunteers that work at Iowa Legal Aid. The PowerPoint and the videos of the virtual ceremony are available on the Polk County Bar Association website: <https://www.pcbaonline.org/about-us/law-day/>

### **The winners are:**

#### Elementary School Poster Competition:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Anna Rowling, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Prairie Trail Elementary School, Ankeny

#### Elementary School Visual Arts Competition:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Zena Jorgensen and Ingrid Weber, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Ashland Ridge Elementary School, Ankeny

#### Elementary Coloring Competition:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Johnny Zambreno, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Bergman Academy, Des Moines

#### Elementary Essay Competition:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Tessa Zambreno, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Bergman Academy, Des Moines

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Vivian Zhang, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Rock Creek Elementary School, Ankeny



**The winners are:**

**Middle School Technology Competition:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Alanna Bredice, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Prairie Ridge, Ankeny

**Middle School Performing Arts Competition:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Kalyani Bhat, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Prairie Ridge, Ankeny

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Leah Ferguson, Natalie Miller, and Caitlyn Robertson, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Summit Middle School, Johnston

**Middle School Poetry Competition:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Olivia Madison, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Northview, Ankeny

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Rosie Howieson, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Prairie Ridge, Ankeny

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Emmarie Becker, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Prairie Ridge, Ankeny

**Middle School Essay Competition:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Finn Stukerjurgan, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Southview, Ankeny

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Meghan Wolf, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Northview, Ankeny

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Josie Bishop, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Northview, Ankeny

**Middle School Visual Arts Competition:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Meghan Wolf, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Northview, Ankeny

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Avery Bacon, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Southview, Ankeny

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Maia Bredice and Lauren Boka, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Prairie Ridge, Ankeny

**High School Poetry Competition:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Zac Komanapalli, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Valley High School, West Des Moines

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Julia Yount, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade, Ankeny Centennial High School

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Isabelle Friedman, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, North Polk High School, Polk City

**High School Essay Competition:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Zac Komanapalli, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Valley High School, West Des Moines

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Isabelle Friedman, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, North Polk High School, Polk City

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Lio Aguirre, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, Ankeny Centennial High School

**High School Visual Arts Competition:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Lio Aguirre (Ankeny Centennial), Caeden deBruin, Mary Faidley, Addie Pollock (Northview Ankeny)  
all students are in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Kylie Kinzie, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, Northview, Ankeny

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Allison Su, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Ankeny Centennial

The Teacher Awards for having the most students participate in Law Day goes to

Katheryn Cooper, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Extend Learning teacher at Northview Middle School, Ankeny  
and

Bayle Larpenteur, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Extend Learning teacher at Prairie Ridge Middle School, Ankeny