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A Record Five Marion County Students Awarded Top Honors in State of Oregon Art Contest

Students Lysie Angelo, Lily Braxton, Lorena Alvarez, Kaleb Eder, and Christopher Garcia Lopez win in the Oregon Health Authority's 2022 Problem Gambling & Gaming Awareness art contest

Salem, OR – Each spring, the Oregon Health Authority sponsors a statewide art contest for middle school students to raise awareness about problem gambling and problem video gaming. Gambling and gaming are activities that carry risk for youth and adults, and there is free help for those who develop a problem. 84 middle school students from Keizer, Salem, Mt. Angel, and Sublimity used the concepts of help and hope to create their artwork.

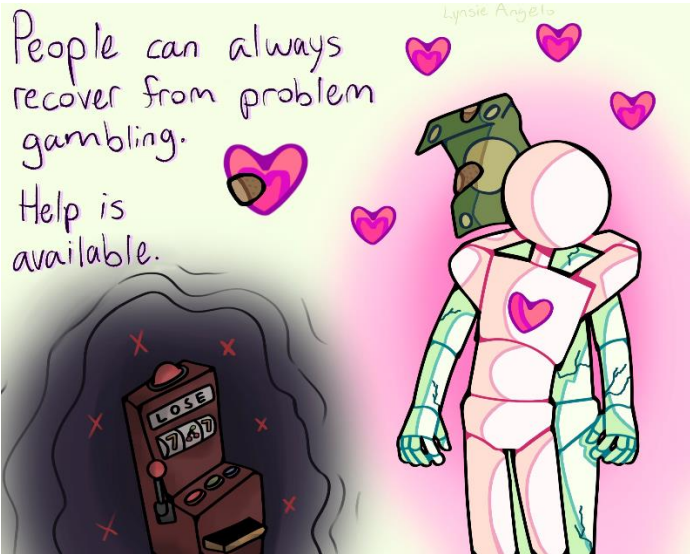
Each county in Oregon may submit six students into the statewide competition. Five Marion County youth are among the top eleven winning artistic designs selected throughout the state, a record number of students selected from Marion County.

Lysie Angelo is an 8th grade student from Sublimity Middle School and tied for first place in the overall competition. Four additional middle school artists placed in the top eleven, including Lily Braxton, Lorena Alvarez, Kaleb Eder, and Christopher Garcia Lopez. They will all be receiving an award from the Oregon Health Authority for their accomplishment. Noelle Miller finished as an honorable mention.

87,500 Oregon adults are estimated to have a Gambling Disorder, and an additional 188,600 are estimated to show signs of a gambling problem. A person with a gambling disorder is more likely to also struggle with substance misuse, a mental health condition, and suicidal thoughts. Relationships with family and friends may also suffer. Free help and hope is available by calling 1-877-MY-LIMIT or visiting www.OPRG.org.

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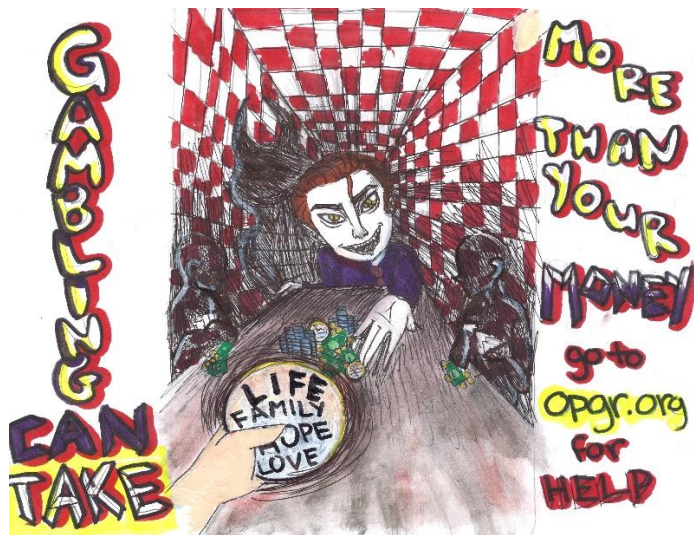


1st place artwork by Lynsie Angelo

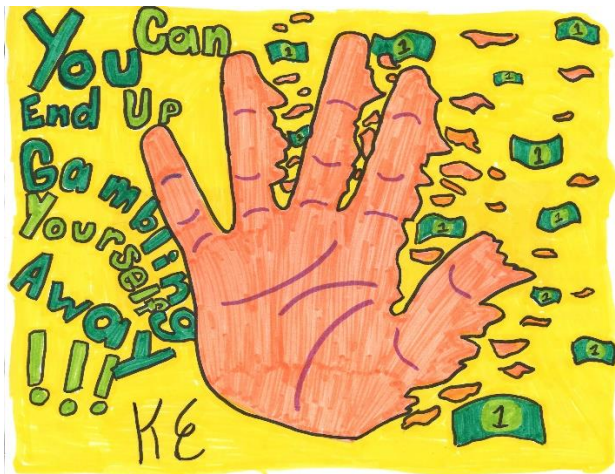
Contact: OPGR.org Anyone with a gambling problem can get free help!



Artwork by Christopher Garcia Lopez



Artwork by Lily Braxton



Artwork by Kaleb Eder



Artwork by Lorena Alvarez