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DUVAL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT HOSTS
ANNUAL JOE B. FORSHEE SPEECH & POSTER CONTEST

FEBRUARY 23, 2020 - Jacksonville, FL – The District is happy to report the largest participation in our history! 55 students in grades K-12 participated in the annual Joe B. Forshee Speech and Poster Contest held at the Duval County UF/IFAS Extension office on Wednesday, February 19th at 6 PM. This local contest allows Duval County to send eligible students to compete at the state and national contests under the 2020 theme “Where Would We BEE Without Pollinators?”. The objective of the competition is to educate students in conservation and natural resources, while simultaneously helping them develop independent research and public speaking skills. The speech contest was open to grades 6-12, while grades K-12 were eligible to participate in the poster contest.

The WINNER of the 2020 Speech Contest was Aiyanna Jennings, 9th grader at Jean Ribault High School.

The WINNERS of the 2020 Poster Contest were:

Grades K-1: Paisley Edelson, Homeschool

Grades 2-3: Diesel Shepheard, Sheffield Elementary (3rd Grade)

Grades 4-6: Mallory Joiner, Christ the King Catholic School (5th grade)

Grades 7-9: Adrian Lewis Brown, KIPP Impact Middle School (7th grade)

Grades 10-12: Vivien M. Guillermo, Sandalwood High School (12th grade)

Second and third place winners of the speech contest were Keylee Connell and Sean Burkey, both 6th graders at Landmark Middle School. All of our winners received cash prizes!

Special thanks to 13 Gypsies for providing delicious refreshments for our participants and volunteers.