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### **2019 HOLLYWOOD BURBANK AIRPORT TOWER BANNER STUDENT ART CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

BURBANK, Calif., April 15, 2019 — The high school student winners of the Hollywood Burbank Airport 2019 Tower Banner Student Art Contest from Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena Unified School Districts presented their winning artwork at today's Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority meeting. The winners were chosen from 172 entries across all three districts. Joining them were their art teachers and district art coordinators, along with many of the students' proud parents.

This is the twelfth year the Authority has sponsored the contest for students of the respective Unified School Districts in Grades 9-12. Each year, the Authority chooses a different aviation theme for the contest. This year's theme was "Heroes of Aviation." In 2018, the theme was "Takeoff to a New Beginning" and in 2017, the theme was "Aviation Goes to Hollywood."

Each school district determines which submissions are its top three entries. The arts and culture commissions from each city then consider the three entries and make the final award of the first-place winners from their school districts, based on the judging criteria set forth in the Authority's contest rules.

The winning artwork from each school district is enlarged to a size of 16 feet by 26 feet for an approximately three-month display on the Hollywood Burbank Airport terminal tower, where it is seen by nearly a million travelers and Airport visitors as they arrive and depart.

Since the contest's inception in 2007, \$31,500 has been awarded to each school district in honor of the winning entries, with the stipulation that the award be used to support and promote the districts' education programs for the arts. This year,

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each district will receive another \$3,000, bringing the total to \$34,500 for each school district.

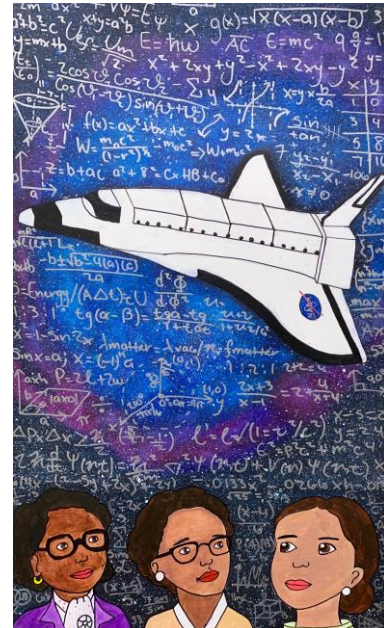
The winning entries displayed on the tower are rotated among Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena. This year, Burbank Unified School District's winning banner, created by 10th grader Nazeli Khodaverdyan from Burbank High School, will be the first to be displayed on the tower, beginning June 2019. Glendale Unified School District's winning banner, created by 11th grader Serrineh Khachatourians of Crescenta Valley High School, will be displayed beginning January 2020. Pasadena Unified School District's winning banner, created by 11th grader Brooklynn Alfred of Pasadena High School, will be displayed starting April 2020.



*1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Nazeli Khodaverdyan  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Burbank High School  
Burbank USD  
Instructor: Jonelle Pickett*



*1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Serrineh Khachatourians  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Crescenta Valley High School  
Glendale USD  
Instructor: Ricky Ngai*



*1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Brooklynn Alfred  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Pasadena High School  
Pasadena USD  
Instructor: Alicia Gorecki*

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Second and third place winners, along with the first-place winners, will be displayed in Terminal B beginning in June 2019. The display will feature background information about the contest. The second and third place winners' artwork can currently be seen on the [Airport's website](#).

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*Hollywood Burbank Airport (BUR) is owned and operated by the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority, a joint powers agency created in 1977 between the Cities of Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena. The airport serves over 5.2 million passengers annually and reaches 16 nonstop destinations in the United States. More information can be found on the airport's website, [www.HollywoodBurbankAirport.com](http://www.HollywoodBurbankAirport.com), and on the airport's [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instaaram](#) feeds.*