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2020 HOLLYWOOD BURBANK AIRPORT TOWER BANNER STUDENT ART CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

BURBANK, Calif., May 18, 2020 — The artwork of the high school student winners of the Hollywood Burbank Airport 2020 Tower Banner Student Art Contest from Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena Unified School Districts, was presented at today's Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority meeting. The winners were chosen from 306 entries across all three districts. Because schools are closed due to COVID-19, the students were not present at the Authority meeting. They were invited to live stream the meeting, along with their teachers and families.

This is the thirteenth 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 "Future of Aviation." In 2019, the theme was "Heroes of Aviation" and in 2018, the theme was "Takeoff to a New Beginning."

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 travelers and Airport visitors as they arrive and depart.

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Since the contest's inception in 2007, \$34,500 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, each district will receive another \$3,000, bringing the total to \$37,500 for each school district.

The winning entries displayed on the tower are rotated among Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena. This year, Glendale Unified School District's winning banner, created by 11th grader Donna Choi of Herbert Hoover High School, will be displayed beginning June 2020. Pasadena Unified School District's winning banner, created by 11th grader Yenifer Diaz of Pasadena High School, will be displayed starting January 2021. Burbank Unified School District's winning banner, created by 10th grader Kiera Johnston from Burbank High School, will be the third to be displayed on the tower, beginning April 2021.



*1st Place
Kiera Johnston
10th Grade
Burbank High School
Burbank USD
Instructor: Janes Bentley*



*1st Place
Donna Choi
11th Grade
Herbert Hoover High School
Glendale USD
Instructor: Jason Pinsker*



*1st Place
Yenifer Diaz
11th 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 2020. 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 5.9 million passengers annually and reaches 17 nonstop destinations in the United States. More information can be found on the airport's website, www.HollywoodBurbankAirport.com, and on the airport's [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) feeds.