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## **WEA Member Benefits Foundation Honors Finalists of the 2024 Student Art Contest**

Madison, WI, June 4, 2024 – WEA Member Benefits (Member Benefits) is excited to announce the winners of this year's Student Art Contest sponsored by the WEA Member Benefits Foundation, Inc., and WEA Member Benefits.

Eleven finalists were selected from over 200 student submissions from across Wisconsin. This year's theme was "Whimsical Wonder." Young artists were encouraged to think outside the box and embrace the theme in their unique and imaginative ways.

The 2024 finalists are:

- Carver Jacobson, 1st grade, Bangor
- Mary Lu Hopkins, 2nd grade, Kettle Moraine
- Elias Kadoch, 4th grade, Tomorrow River
- Adelyn Kreibich, 5th grade, West Salem
- Danning Zhang, 6th grade, Middleton Cross Plains
- Veda Cubberley, 6th grade, Lake Mills
- Solange Mercado-Valdivia, 7th grade, Milwaukee
- Alyssa Schubert, 10th grade, Kohler
- Ava Wawroski, 10th grade, Janesville
- Elizabeth Montiho, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Waukesha
- Jasmine, 12th grade, Wausau

Later this summer, from the 11 finalists, one will be selected to receive the prestigious Loeymae Lange "Best in Class" award, named in memory of Loeymae Lange, a cherished former art teacher at Cooper Elementary School in Burlington, Wisconsin. Through the generosity of her brother, Dr. Paul Lange, and his wife, June, an endowment gift has been established to honor Loeymae's passion for the arts and her dedication to inspiring young minds. This endowment supports the monetary prizes awarded to our talented contest winners, ensuring that Loeymae's legacy continues to flourish.

"The theme for this contest is both fascinating and inspiring. It challenges young artists to explore new concepts, experiment with different mediums, and push the boundaries of their imaginations," said David Kijek, WEA Member Benefits President and CEO. "It's wonderful to be able to recognize and reward talented students and teachers in Wisconsin, and we thank the Langes for the additional financial support to be able to do so. We hope other individuals will join in donating to the Foundation to help fund future opportunities for budding artists."

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