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OREGON STUDENT WINS JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY POSTER CONTEST

WASHINGTON – Elliana Conrad, a fifth-grader at the Antonia Crater Elementary School in Newberg, Oregon, has won the Department of Justice's National Missing Children's Day poster contest. This year, 184 schools participated across 30 states, with 1,983 posters entered into the contest.

The announcement is part of the 37th annual commemoration of National Missing Children's Day. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, part of the Justice Department's Office of Justice Programs, invites fifth graders each year to create an original poster illustrating the theme, "Bringing Our Missing Children Home." The contest creates an opportunity for schools, law enforcement and child advocates to discuss the issue of child safety with youth and their parents.

"This contest honors the young people on whose behalf National Missing Children's Day is commemorated," said Katharine T. Sullivan, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs. "The Department of Justice is pleased to recognize this remarkable young person in particular for her talent and wisdom, both of which are way ahead of her years."

Elliana's picture represents the theme through the image of a mighty oak tree, which includes a family tree within its leaves. Each leaf has the name of a relative on it and the leaf in gray that has fallen represents a missing child. The broken heart in the center of the tree hollow represents the broken hearts of the families missing their children.

"The image that Elliana has so thoughtfully created in honor of missing children and their families is truly inspiring," said Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Administrator Caren Harp. "We applaud her efforts and determination to bring awareness to this subject."

The Department also honored nine law enforcement officers from Wisconsin, Louisiana and Florida, as well as a school bus driver from Florida, for their efforts to find missing children and bring child sexual predators and child pornographers to justice.

Due to restrictions resulting from COVID-19, the in-person ceremony to honor the recipients has been canceled. Instead, this [website](#) features the winning poster, information about the awardees and statements from Office of Justice Programs Principal Deputy Assistant

Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Administrator Caren Harp.

The Office of Justice Programs, directed by Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan, provides federal leadership, grants and resources to improve the nation's capacity to prevent and reduce crime, assist victims and enhance the rule of law by strengthening the criminal and juvenile justice systems. More information about OJP and its components can be found at www.ojp.gov.

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