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## **ACHD Commemorates Earth Day Announcing Environmental Contest Winners** *Winning Posters Depict “Bright Ideas for Conserving Energy” Theme*

**PITTSBURGH** – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) today announced the three winners of its 18th annual environmental poster contest in commemoration of Earth Day 2017.

The theme of this year’s contest was “**Bright Ideas for Conserving Energy.**” Students were encouraged to create posters depicting how they can help reduce energy, save, and protect the environment.

“Every year it is wonderful to see the creative ideas from students on energy conservation,” said Dr. Karen Hacker, Director of the Allegheny County Health Department. “I congratulate all the winners of this year’s contest.”

Eighth grader Lauren Jacobs of West Mifflin Area Middle School took first place this year with her colorful poster showing us “brighter paths in preserving energy” such as changing out light bulbs, installing solar panels, and supporting other forms of alternative and renewable energy.

Classmates Sydney French and Hannah Petrichevich, both 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Ingomar Middle School, came in second and third place respectively. Second place winner Sydney French explored the benefits of renewable energy source as well as energy-saving tips such as carpooling and recycling materials. Third place winner Hanna Petrichevich gave energy-saving tips to lead to a healthier and happier earth.

The winning students will receive a \$75 Barnes and Noble gift card, and the teachers of the winning students will receive a \$50 Staples gift card. The winning posters will be displayed for the public at FutureFest 2017 on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. Learn more about FutureFest at [www.futurefestpgh.com](http://www.futurefestpgh.com). All participating students will have their posters displayed at the upcoming Air and Waste Management Association’s annual conference and exhibition, to be held in Pittsburgh this June.

The winning posters can also be seen on the Health Department’s website at [www.achd.net/air/2017postercontest/](http://www.achd.net/air/2017postercontest/).

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