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County Health Department Sponsors Environmental Poster Contest

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department is sponsoring its 16th annual environmental poster contest for students in grades 6-8.

The theme of this year's contest is "The Power of One" and aims to emphasize what one person can do to protect the environment and make the planet a better place for everyone.

"We're urging students to depict just one thing or activity, no matter how seemingly small it might be, that can be applied to real-life situations and improve or protect the one world we all share," said Health Director Dr. Karen Hacker.

Students are encouraged to apply their environmental and ecological knowledge in demonstrating what they can do themselves to help improve and protect the planet. Posters will be judged on creativity, strength of message and accuracy of information.

The deadline for entries is March 13, 2015. The top three winning students will receive a \$75 Barnes and Noble gift card and teachers of winning students will receive a \$50 Staples gift card.

Winners will be announced and honored in conjunction with Earth Day celebrations on April 22, 2015, and the winning posters will be displayed on the Health Department's web site.

Teachers who would like to have their classes participate in the poster contest should visit the Health Department's web site at www.achd.net/air/postercontest.html or contact Alaina Conner of the Health Department's Air Quality Program at **412-578-8106** or aconner@achd.net.

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