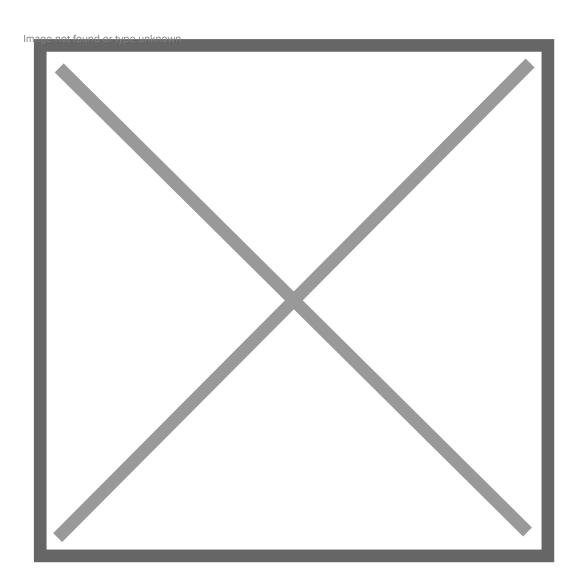


Earth Day 2013 Poster Contest: District 36

RUTH HASSELL-THOMPSON April 22, 2013





Dear Students,

Thank you for your wonderful contribution to the New York State Senate's Earth Day Poster Contest. This year we received many outstanding posters that exemplify the creativity of the young people in the 36th Senatorial District.

Each entry from my District displayed tremendous originality and vision as well as obvious concern for the ecological future of our communities and our state. I am proud of your work and that of your classmates, and encourage you to continue to study and learn more about the serious challenges that face our environment.

I am pleased to announce that the winner of the 2013 Earth Day Poster Contest from my District is:

Thalia Ponce

Grade 5

PS 56 Norwood Heights Grammar School

And I would like to offer my wholehearted congratulations to all of the participants in this year's Contest. I also want to thank your family and give special thanks to your teachers, whose dedication and involvement in this event provided the encouragement for you to be creative and participate in the 2013 Earth Day Poster Contest.

Sincerely,

Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson

36th Senatorial District

Columbus Elementary

- Mylene Smith
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- Nefertiti Lacey

PS 56 Norwood Heights Grammar School

- Ashley Ramos
- Launora Gecaj
- Maisha Hoque
- Najat Khan
- Thalia Ponce

PS 76 The Bennington School

• Kemar Mulling