



Herbert Henderson Office *of* Minority Affairs

42nd Annual Poster Contest

The Martin Luther King, Jr. State Holiday Commission and the Beta Beta Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, presented the 42nd annual Poster Competition, which West Virginia students from grades K-12 could enter. The art must have focused on the following quote from Martin Luther King, Jr.: ***“I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.”***

2026 Poster Award Recipients:

Grade K-2

1st Place

Khloe K. Leather, Pineville Elementary School, Kindergarten

2nd Place

Penny McKenzie, Berlin McKinney Elementary, 2nd Grade

3rd Place

Jessalyn Stewart, Berlin McKinney Elementary, Kindergarten

Grade 3-5

1st Place

Kinley Brooks, Pineville Elementary School, 4th Grade

2nd Place

Eliza Crutchfield, Berlin McKinney Elementary School, 4th Grade

3rd Place

Violet West, Berlin McKinney Elementary School, 3rd Grade

Grade 6-8

1st Place

Bailey McClure, South Charleston Middle School, 8th Grade

2nd Place

Kloe Chapman, Hamlin PreK-8 School, 8th Grade

3rd Place

Ada Zou, Oceana Middle School, 8th Grade

Grade 9-12

1st Place

Carletta Easterling, Huntington High School, 12th Grade

2nd Place

Lillian T. Markun, Huntington High School, 11th Grade

3rd Place

Xavin Hale, Scott High School, 11th Grade

Honorable Mention

Aleah Booker, South Charleston High School, 10th Grade

Honorable Mention (9-12)

Kaitlyn Flippen, Scott High School, 12th Grade

Honorable Mention

Katelynn D. Merritt, Huntington High School, 9th Grade

Mixed Media Winner Recipients:

Grade 9-12

1st Place

Helen Mayhorn, Scott High School, 11th Grade

2nd Place

Destiny Harless, Huntington High School, 9th Grade

3rd Place

Khalia Reid, Herbert Hoover High School, 12th Grade