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MANATEE STUDENTS EARN FOUR ENTRIES IN IMPORTANT EMBRACING OUR DIFFERENCES ART EXHIBIT

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(Bradenton, FL. – March 27, 2007) Four fascinating and thought-provoking pieces of art created by Manatee County students will be featured on billboards along the Sarasota Bayfront as part of the area's Embracing Our Differences celebration. The four submissions from Manatee County students are:

Diversity by Ballard Elementary students Kaila Buechner, Elliot Walton, Shanice Nelson, Tyler Cobb, Aslene Lamm, Earis Eubanks, Uriel Perez, Alex Turner, Martin Centenos, Neftaly Montero, Adrianna Yanez-Perez, and Douglas Nicaragua. Art Teacher: Valerie Rose Borstelmann. Principal: Nan Rankin.

It's All Inside by Cayman Trudell and Victoria Brosilow, 7th Grade, Haile Middle School. Teacher: Dana Sackett. Principal: Janet Kerley.

In the End by Charlotte Gent, 12th Grade, Bayshore High School. Art Teacher: Kathy Cocciolone. Principal: David Underhill.

Hands of Peace by Todd Wennberg, 10th Grade, Bayshore High School. Art Teacher: Kathy Cocciolone. Principal: David Underhill.

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Nearly 1,000 pieces of art from professional artists, art students and school children from all over Florida's Gulfcoast were submitted for the Embracing Our Differences exhibit, which is intended to demonstrate how embracing diversity enriches our lives, enhances the human experience and expands respect for freedom. Only 39 were ultimately selected for display along the bayfront throughout the month of April.

“The competition for acceptance into the Embracing Our Differences exhibit is truly great, so it is remarkable that four of the works selected were submitted by our students,” said Dr. Sherry Lawrence, Curriculum Specialist for Fine and Performing Arts and Gifted Education. “It’s a tremendous honor for these students, for their schools and for our district.”

The Opening Ceremony for the exhibit will be Sunday, April 1, at 1 p.m. on the Sarasota Bayfront at U.S. 41 and Ringling Boulevard. The exhibit will be on display from April 1 through April 30.

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