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ODH Recognizes High School Students on World No Tobacco Day

Winners of Anti-Vaping Video Contest Receive Scholarships

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) recognized several high school students for their anti-vaping videos targeted at youth on World No Tobacco Day, celebrated annually on May 31 to inform the public about the dangers of using tobacco.

ODH sponsored the contest for high school students to develop anti-vaping (or e-cigarette) videos to address the dangers and negative effects of these products, which have had a dramatic impact on tobacco and nicotine use rates among youth in Ohio. The videos aim to educate teens about the dangers of tobacco products and to advocate for tobacco cessation using a peer-to-peer voice.

The student winners included:

- **First Place and People’s Choice:** “The Secret Ingredients in Your Vape,” Ella Langenderfer, a graduate of Ottawa Hills High School in Toledo, OH.
- **Second Place:** “Anti-Vaping Campaign Illustration,” Madelyn McCutcheon, a current senior at Global Impact STEM Academy in Springfield, OH.
- **Third Place:** “Anti-Vaping Rap,” Max Murch, Collin Johnson, and Grayson Passia, graduates of New Albany High School in New Albany, OH.

The videos can be viewed on the ODH website at <https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/tobacco-use-prevention-and-cessation/anti-vaping-video-contest>.

These winners were chosen through adult and youth judging panels. In addition, public voting determined the People’s Choice winner. Each winner will receive a scholarship paid into the Ohio 529 College Savings Award, College Advantage for the following amounts:

- First Place: \$10,000
- Second Place: \$5,000
- Third Place: \$3,000 (split between the winners)
- People’s Choice: \$2,000

The scholarship can be used for any higher education expenses at any federally accredited, four-year college or university, two-year community college, trade or vocational school, apprenticeship, or certificate program

across the country. If a student decides not to pursue further education, the award can be used for another purpose.

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