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## **Art of Recycling Contest winners announced**

*~~Cash prizes range from \$100 to \$500~~*

**PASCO COUNTY** --- [Pasco County Recycling](#) is thrilled to announce that more than a dozen talented Pasco County high school students turned their artistic ability – into cash! The **winners** of the **2017 Art of Recycling** contest received their prize money and certificates during special ceremonies at their schools during the week of February 6, 2017.

The 2017 Art of Recycling contest winner is a repeat winner! Kylie Rice of Ridgewood High School also won the top prize in last year's contest. Click [HERE](#) to see Kylie's entry this year called [Leaping from Industrialization](#).

Nainshari Ortiz of Anclote High School won Most Innovative and the People's Choice Award with [THIS](#) adorable entry called [Looking on the Other Side](#).

Pasco County students started recycling trash into artwork at the beginning of the semester, raising awareness of the Arts and encouraging the practice of recycling. Prizes were awarded in 15 categories.

Congratulations to all of this year's Art of Recycling winners:

**Kylie Rice** - Ridgewood HS, 1st Place \$500  
**Julianna Wilkinson** - Gulf High School, 2nd Place \$300  
**Sydney Bennett** - Bishop McLaughlin, 3rd Place \$200  
**Taylor Moore** - Pasco HS, Commissioner's Award \$100  
**Kaylin Murphy** - JW Mitchell HS, Covanta's Choice \$100  
**Breanna Gates** - Ridgewood HS, Best Artistic Expression \$100  
**Jessica Skrelunas** - Anclote HS, Best Use of Printed Material \$100  
**Nainshari Ortiz** - Anclote HS, Most Innovative \$100 and People's Choice \$100  
**Katie Shelley** - Sunlake HS, AOR Committee Award \$100  
**Brinkley Simpson** - Sunlake HS, Best Use of Aluminum \$100  
**Eleni Athanasoulis** - Genesis Prep, Best Use of Materials \$100  
**Sarah Oliva** - Pasco HS, Best Use of Plastic \$100  
**Darian Proper** - Anclote HS, Pasco Arts Council Merit \$100  
**Madison Kaylor** - Pasco HS, Best Environmental Concept \$100

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Two, 2017 Art of Recycling \$750 college scholarships are still to be awarded.

The public is invited to see all these impressive pieces of recycled art at the West Pasco Government Center at 8731 Citizens Drive, New Port Richey through February 24, 2017. The 15 winning pieces will then be on display at the Pasco County District School Board through March 31, 2017.

This event is a co-operative project of the District School Board of Pasco County, Pasco County Recycling and Education, Keep Pasco Beautiful and the Pasco Arts Council. The Pasco Art of Recycling contest and exhibit is supported by the following community businesses, organizations and individuals:

**Commissioner Mike Moore**  
**County Recycling**  
**Fine Arts of the Suncoast**  
**Regency Technologies**  
**Sierra Family Foundation**  
**Waste Aid Systems**  
**Waste Management**

**Covanta Pasco**  
**Keep Pasco Beautiful, Inc**  
**Pasco Arts Council**  
**Republic Services, Inc.**  
**Simpson Farms**  
**Waste Connections**

For more information about the [Art of Recycling](http://bit.ly/2kdGsIk) click the following link: <http://bit.ly/2kdGsIk>.

For more information about recycling in Pasco County visit: <http://bit.ly/2lWhIVh>.

For more information about [Keep Pasco Beautiful](http://keepascobeautiful.org) click here: <http://keepascobeautiful.org>.

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