

With 389 entries, Chautauqua County students did their part to raise alcohol awareness this year. Students in grades 3-12 created posters with the theme, “Be A Thinker, Not A Drinker”. As students designed their posters with this theme in mind, they had the opportunity to be creative in depicting positive alternatives to underage drinking.

**Alexandria Davis** was named the **Grand Prize Winner** for the 17th annual Chautauqua Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council Alcohol Awareness Month Poster Contest. The Falconer Central School ninth-grader beat out 12 fellow finalists and 389 total entrants to win the prize.



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County Executive George Borrello, Eileen Goodling, Sara Harp and Michele Starwalt judged the finalists' posters based on the impact of their messages, integration of the theme, originality and design. Jamestown Community College art students and Professor Yu Kanazawa previously trimmed the field to 12.

**First-place prize winners:**

- Madilyn Lent – Southwestern Elementary School, 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Addison Brassard – Southwestern Middle School, 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Raylynn Digirolamo – Southwestern High School, 10<sup>th</sup> grade

**Second-place prize winners:**

Arehlyn Pattison – Panama Central School, 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Joslyn Brown – Southwestern Middle School, 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Mika Walters – Southwestern High School, 10<sup>th</sup> grade

**Third-place prize winners:**

Peyton Oakes - Southwestern Elementary School, 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Britta Watkins – Maple Grove Jr./Sr. High School, 7<sup>th</sup> grade  
Erika Russell – Falconer Central School, 10<sup>th</sup> grade

**Honorable Mentions:**

Charlotte Caserta – Fredonia Elementary School, 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Zachary Stofko, Falconer Central School, 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Each of the 12 finalists received ribbons and cash prizes and the grand prize poster will be framed courtesy of Jamestown Frame and Glass and will be featured on a banner at the Jamestown Jammers field, Russell Diethrick Park.

Thanks to everyone who participated in CASAC's 17th annual poster contest!