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Silver Crescent Foundation Announces Design Challenge Award Recipients

Annual Student Competition Promotes Manufacturing and Career Exploration

Columbia, SC – The Silver Crescent Foundation and the South Carolina Department of Education’s Office of Career and Technology Education, in partnership with the SC Regional Career Specialists, are pleased to announce the finalists in the tenth annual SC Discover Manufacturing Design Challenge.

The Design Challenge is one of several programs the Foundation uses to expose young people to the value of manufacturing careers. The theme of this year’s contest was “How does manufacturing make our lives better?” In the classroom, students in grades 6 – 12 learn about the important role manufacturing plays in South Carolina and the world. Then students were challenged to use research to produce a written essay and design a billboard or magazine ad for a local manufacturer. The competition’s goal is not only to foster career exploration by young people, but also expose them to jobs that rely on workers with strong science, math, engineering and technology skills.

The designs created by middle and high school students will be featured in calendars and tote bags produced and distributed to educators, parents, students and business leaders throughout the state as part of the Foundation’s Discover Manufacturing outreach. Three winners were chosen in each category, with first, second and third place winners receiving scholarships of \$300, \$200 and \$100, respectively. In addition, the sponsoring teacher of the first place winner in each category will be awarded \$200.

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State level judges selected the winners in their respective categories from the 12 regions that participated in the competition.

Below is the list of award recipients:

- 1st Place, Lindsay Dobbins, Inman (12th grade, Chapman High School)
- 2nd Place, Macie McDill, Ware Shoals (11th grade, Ware Shoals High School)
- 3rd Place, Joanna Rhule, Bamberg (11th grade, Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School)
- 1st Place, Rachel Sorrow, Belton (7th grade, Belton Middle School)
- 2nd Place, Paris JnBaptiste & Daniel Falcocchio, Bluffton (9th grade, H.E. McCracken Middle School)
- 3rd Place, Mehir Meethal, Orangeburg (6th grade, William J. Clark Middle School)

The Silver Crescent Foundation promotes manufacturing vitality and career opportunities in South Carolina. The Foundation is committed to helping people of all ages and backgrounds Discover Manufacturing as it works to build the workforce pipeline of the future. To learn more, visit www.silvercrescentsc.org.