

The Virgin Islands Consortium

VITEMA Announces Preparedness Month Student Contest Winners

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The V.I. Territorial Emergency Management Agency on Friday announced the winners of its territory-wide Education Contest as part of National Preparedness Month throughout September.

The competition included student essays, videos, and posters. The winning students have been notified through their respective school administrators, and individual and class prizes will be forthcoming, according to the release.

VITEMA said it hosted educational activities in schools throughout the month to appeal to a wide range of age groups. Activities include a Disaster Art Contest for Grades 1st -5th

encouraging elementary students to learn and share artwork about emergency preparedness.

A class video contest for grades 6th -8th on how to prepare for natural disasters led by their respective teacher, and lastly, an essay contest for grades 9th -12th on how disasters effect supply chains on a local level.

The 2022 National Preparedness Month theme was “A Lasting Legacy,” encouraging everyone to protect the life they have built by preparing for disasters.

1st -5th grade winners.

St. Croix

First Place Nayeli Ponce, 4th grade, Eulalie Rivera K-8 school, Second Place Alyerah Pemberton, 5th grade, Alfredo Andrews Elementary School, Third Place Kenai Sexius, 3rd grade Juanita Gardine K-8 School.

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First place Maikel Ramirez, 4th grade, Jane E. Tuitt Elementary School, Second Place Marc Fleury, 2nd grade, Jane E. Tuitt Elementary School, Third Place Chelsy Cadet, 2nd grade, Jane E. Tuitt Elementary School.

6th -8th grade class winners

First Place Alfredo Andrews School, 6th grade, Teacher Dahlia Knowles, Second Place, 8th grade, Pearl B. Larsen School, Teacher Bria James.

9th -12th grade winners,

First Place, Amonik Thomas, 11th grade, Free Will Baptist Church School, Second Place, Hitisha Vaswani, 11th grade, All Saints Cathedral School, Third Place, Hakim Kiture, 11th grade, St. Croix Central High School.