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CCTA Recognizes Contra Costa Caldecott Medallion Winners

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Two of the three Contra Costa County Caldecott Fourth Bore Medallion Design Competition winners, from left: Acalanes High School sophomore Daniell McCann, 16, and Springhill Elementary School third-grader Chaya Tong, 8. Photo Cathy Dausman

Family and friends of Caldecott Fourth Bore Medallion Design winners crowded the Contra Costa Transportation Authority meeting October 17, as the winning designers and many of the 37 additional Honorable Mention winners received formal recognition. The ceremony was emceed by CCTA chair Don Tatzin. Additional presenters include Caltrans District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi and Metropolitan Transportation Commission Vice Chair Amy Worth. Contra Costa County had representation from across the K-12 school system: winners were 16-year-old Daniell McCann, an Acalanes High School sophomore, 8-year-old Chaya Tong, a third-grade student from Springhill Elementary School, and Penelope Watson, 13, of Pleasant Hill Middle School. Each girl received a framed poster, certificate and t-shirt. McCann and Tong are also past winners in other art contests - McCann for design work done for the Walnut Creek Peace and Justice Center; Tong for bookmark designs for the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. When it opens to traffic in late 2013, the Caldecott Fourth Bore will have three concrete medallions on each side of the tunnel. The selected artwork will inform the molds that will create these medallions. Each mold will be hand crafted, and each will take about a month to make, said Caltrans Landscape Architect Jeanne Gorham.

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