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And the winner is ...



Acalanes High School teacher Susan Lane with freshman poster contest winner Cara Wolfe. Photo Denise Schreiner

Creative freshman Cara Wolfe at Acalanes High School had a banner day: winning first place in the student poster contest sponsored by Contra Costa County Schools Insurance and getting a \$100 check, not to mention an "A" on the poster itself. Cara's poster will be reproduced and distributed to all of the school districts in Contra Costa County.

While definitely pleased to receive a check, Cara wasn't immediately sure what to do with it and thought she'd put it in the bank. She wanted to incorporate bright colors and clear direction in the piece - mission accomplished. Second place went to fellow Acalanes student Julia Lauer, who is a sophomore.

Health and Safety Services manager Denise Schreiner said Acalanes Digital Design teacher Susan Lane has been invaluable in encouraging her students to take part in the contest, integrating it as part of her lesson plans. "It's a lot of work," said Lane, describing the effort the students have to put in to master the challenging professional software used to make the posters.

The contest is part of a larger effort to build awareness of slip, trip and fall prevention to decrease the incidences of the number one injury for teachers, administrators and school staff. The Contra Costa County Schools Insurance Group is a self-insured, self-administered Joint Powers Authority that provides health and safety services, workers' compensation and cost containment programs to member school districts within the county. C. Tyson

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