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Chinese Star contest winners to be announced at awards ceremony on Nov. 14

SAN JOSE, CA – The hard work of hundreds of students, from kindergarten through high school, will soon be rewarded as local education and community leaders gather at the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, to honor the winners of the Second Annual San Jose – Silicon Valley Chinese Star Contest. Co-sponsored by the SCCOE and the Confucius Institute at San Francisco State University, the contest encourages the exploration of Chinese language, art, poetry and culture by K-12 students.

Almost 300 students submitted more than 480 entries in the five contest categories: Calligraphy (pen/brush), Painting/Drawing, Chinese Poetry Recital, Speech, and Team Video. This year, organizers added a Team Video category, offering students the chance to apply 21st century skills in researching and creating a video. Earlier this month, the SCCOE was transformed into a cultural exposition as students came to present their entries and have them judged.

“The Chinese Star contest offers the opportunity for youth to apply their perspectives of global awareness and multilingualism,” said Superintendent of Schools Jon R. Gundry. “Student products demonstrated the ability to creatively and effectively communicate with diverse audiences through real-life application, research, and technology.”

Representatives from the Confucius Institute, Chinese Consulate General of San Francisco, California Department of Education, and local school districts will attend the award ceremony. Assembly member Kansen Chu and Vice Mayor of Cupertino, Barry Chang, are scheduled to attend and present winners with official certificates of recognition.

“This contest has received strong support from our partners and sponsors, and we are grateful for their sending six high school student winners selected in a drawing on a seven-day cultural tour of Beijing,” said Dr. Yee Wan, Director of Multilingual Education Services.

For more information about the contest, visit the Chinese Star contest website:
<http://www.sfsu.edu/~ci/events/2015/SJ.html>

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