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Subject: Message #207: Arkansas Artists Selected for National Christmas Tree Celebration in Washington, D.C.

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To: ccss@list.state.ar.us

From: Arkansas Department of Education Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, Curriculum Support

Dear Arkansas Educators,

DESE and Virtual Arkansas are proud to announce that fourteen students from throughout our state have been selected to represent Arkansas with original ornaments for America Celebrates.

Each year, students throughout the nation are invited to design an ornament that illustrates what makes their home special. Fifty-six trees are decorated with students' ornaments, one for each American state and territory, as part of this annual America Celebrates display. This display accompanies the National Christmas Tree at President's Park, the national park surrounding the White House.

These artists designed ornaments through their online Virtual Arkansas art classes. The selected designs represent fourteen young artists in grades 7 through 12 from ten different Arkansas public schools. From bees, butterflies, and flowers to diamonds, rivers, and wildlife, our artists will be showing the nation what makes Arkansas special. View all of Arkansas' winning designs at [https://bit.ly/America Celebrates 2021](https://bit.ly/America_Celebrates_2021)

Congratulations to these Arkansas artists:

Arianna Allen, West Fork High School

Cennady Campbell, Deer High School

Chloe Cantrell, Nettleton High School*

Conner Kuenert, Bay High School

Katelyn Ledbetter, Greenwood High School

Ashton Mangrum, Sheridan High School

Fallyn Mangrum, Sheridan High School

Alexandra May, Taylor High School

Rylee Peeler, Bay High School

Mikka Reid, Greenbrier High School

Gabriella Rhine, Beebe High School

Citlali Vasquez, Lisa Academy North

Keeley Wilkerson, Sheridan High School

Kathleen Yarberry, Lisa Academy North

*Judges selected Chloe Cantrell's design as the cover image for Arkansas's submissions

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