



## Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

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### Eight Kansas students win statewide art contest

*The Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom announces 2016 Bookmark Art contest winners*

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The Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) is announcing the winners of the 2016 Bookmark Art contest. Winning artists will be honored on March 8, 2016 during the Bookmark Art and Teacher of the Year celebration to be held at the Docking State Office Building in Topeka. The contest is sponsored by the K-State College of Agriculture.



2016 KFAC Bookmark Art contest winning artwork submitted by Michaela Crow, sixth grade, Manhattan, Kan. This year's theme was "Pollinators Put Food on the Table."

This year's contest theme was "Pollinators Put Food on the Table," giving students the opportunity to portray the important role pollinators have in food production. Lesson plans and other resources were available to teachers to aid in teaching students more about pollinators in agriculture in order to spark ideas for their artwork.

More than 800 students from 20 counties entered the contest. The contest was open to all Kansas youth in grades K-6. A Manhattan art teacher evaluated the entries and chose winners based on theme relevance, creativity, originality, use of color and space, and clarity of idea and image. One first-place winner from each grade level was chosen, along with an overall grand-prize winner. Cash prizes are being awarded; \$50 to each grade winner and \$100 to the grand-prize winner.

In addition to being recognized for their artwork, students will have the chance to meet Governor Sam Brownback in a photo opportunity at the ceremonial offices of the Capitol Building.

This year's winners are listed with their hometowns:

- Grand prize (sixth grade): Michaela Crow, Flint Hills Christian School, Manhattan
- Kindergarten: Nicole Wissler, Troy Grade School, Troy

- First grade: Blaire Beougher, Stockton Grade School, Stockton
- Second grade: Hope Ewy, Northridge Elementary School, Newton
- Third grade: Kyndra Estes, Southwest Elementary, Pratt
- Fourth grade: Bethany DeDonder, Reading Elementary, Reading
- Fifth grade: Boden Benitz, Troy Grade School, Troy
- Sixth grade: Jorah Harbaugh, Pretty Prairie Middle School, Pretty Prairie

The KFAC art contest has been a popular part of programming since 1999. Sponsored by the K-State College of Agriculture, the art contest allows Kansas youth from all backgrounds to creatively exhibit their view of agriculture. The contest has evolved from bumper stickers to post cards and now bookmarks. Winners from previous years can be found on the foundation's website at [www.ksagclassroom.org](http://www.ksagclassroom.org) and clicking on "Students" and "Bookmark Art Contest."

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### **About Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom**

The Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. KFAC was founded in 1982 as part of a nationwide initiative to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society so that they may become citizens who support wise agricultural policies. For more information, visit [www.ksagclassroom.org](http://www.ksagclassroom.org) or phone (785) 320-4350.

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