



# RACER NATION INFORMATION

## Earth Day celebrated with a variety of activities

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First graders and Abbey Adler (SMACS President) performing Earth Day chemistry demo at Murray Elementary School.

Kentucky Lake Section of the American Chemical Society (KLS-ACS) and Murray State University Student Members of the American Chemical Society (MSU-SMACS) jointly sponsored multiple events during the week of Earth Day Celebrations.

Dr. Bommanna Loganathan, Professor of Chemistry and Coordinator for Chemists Celebrate Earth Day (CCED) organized illustrated poem contest for K-12 students in the regional schools. This year CCED theme was “The Great Indoors- Your Home’s Ecosystem”. The contest was created by the ACS to instill awareness among children about the importance of environmental quality, both indoors and outdoors. Dr.

Loganathan reached out to several schools in the region and distributed

over 150 ACS Booklets and illustrated poem contest entry forms. Over 55 students participated in the poem contest and submitted their entries. KLS awards committee comprised of professors from Murray State University, University of Tennessee at Martin, Union University, West Kentucky Community and Technical College judged the entries and selected the winners. Following are the illustrated poem contest winners in three different categories:

### **Category 1: K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:**

Connor Harrison – First Place, Murray Elementary School.

Ellen Drew and Maddie Kough — Second Place, Murray Elementary School.

Mira Kinsley and Alyson Stockwell — Third Place, Murray Elementary School.

### **Category 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Chloe King — First Place, Murray Elementary School.

Rohan Das – Second Place, Murray Elementary School.

### **Category 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

Abhishek Das — First Place, Murray Middle School.

The awards will be presented during the upcoming KLS meeting (to be announced).

In addition, Dr. Loganathan and MSU-SMACS President Abbey Adler with support from the SMACS advisor Dr. Kevin Miller presented chemistry demos to Murray Elementary School (MES) on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. This event was organized in conjunction with the Science Night of the MES. Over 150 attendees including parents, teachers and students viewed the event. Furthermore, KLS Member Dr. Randy Johnston presented chemistry demonstrations to the public in Jackson City Park in Tennessee.

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