

# Students Honored at 15th Annual Delaware Day Fourth Grade Competition Ceremony

Students from across the state gathered Saturday at the Delaware Public Archives to celebrate the winners of the 15th Annual Delaware Day Fourth Grade Competition and to be recognized for their knowledge of the First State's influential role in crafting the United States Constitution.

Students were given two months to prepare an informative four-panel display on Delaware's role in the creation and ratification of the Constitution, integrating creative elements such as artwork, poetry, songs and cartoons. Representatives from the Department of State judged 23 projects focusing on three main areas: historical accuracy, spelling and creativity.

Each year, awards are given to schools with the most creative and historically accurate projects.

Named in honor of Delaware's five signers of the U. S. Constitution, the awards recognize schools in each county plus the city of Wilmington as well as a private school. Honorable mention awards were given to 13 schools for their participation. A total of 21 schools participated in this year's competition.

The Delaware Division of the Arts and the Newark Arts Alliance also evaluated the projects and presented Artistic Merit Awards to Bunker Hill Elementary School, Epworth Christian School, Gallaher Elementary School, Learning Express Academy, and North Dover Elementary School. These awards recognized students' use of visual art as well as design and composition.

"Delaware Day is our time to celebrate just how important our state was in the early days of the nation," said Secretary of

State Jeff Bullock. "As always, the projects our fourth graders presented were outstanding tributes to this legacy, and I congratulate them for their efforts and the time they devoted to learning about the history of the First State."

The winners of the 2016 Delaware Day Fourth Grade Competition are:

- George Read Award – Wilmington Friends School (Wilmington)
- Gunning Bedford, Jr. Award – [Tie] Bunker Hill Elementary School (Appoquinimink School District) and Gallaher Elementary School (Christina School District)
- John Dickinson Award – [Tie] North Dover Elementary School (Capital School District) and Lake Forest Central Elementary School – Project #2 (Lake Forest School District)
- Richard Bassett Award – [Tie] North Laurel Elementary School – Two Projects (Laurel School District)
- Jacob Broom Award – Learning Express Academy (Newark)

For more information, visit the [Annual Delaware Day Competition](#) website.