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**WEA Member Benefits Foundation Honors Finalists of the  
2019 Student Art Contest and Winner of the  
Loeymae Lange Memorial Best in Class Award**

Madison, WI, August 22, 2019...WEA Member Benefits (Member Benefits) is excited to announce the winners of this year's Student Art Contest sponsored by the WEA Member Benefits Foundation, Inc., and WEA Member Benefits.

Ten individual student finalists were honored at a soiree on Thursday, August 8. In addition, one student artist whose art exemplified originality, expression, use of artistic elements, principals of design, overall presentation of artwork, and message, was awarded the "Loeymae Lange Memorial Best in Class" award. The "Best in Class" award is named in memory of Loeymae Lange, who taught art at Cooper Elementary school in Burlington, Wisconsin, for 30 years. Her brother, Dr. Paul Lange, and his wife June have graciously honored Loeymae's legacy and love for art by providing this memorial gift to the WEA Member Benefits Foundation, Inc. This year's contest received over 260 submissions from students throughout the state of Wisconsin.

The 2019 winners are:

Blythe Pulliam, Kindergarten, Deforest  
Garrison Zipperer, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Janesville  
Quinn Krempian, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Winneconne  
Addyson Sipe, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Stoughton  
Martin Popp, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Waukesha  
Ixchel Hanson, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Waukesha  
Abigail Waltenberry, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, Berlin  
Haleh Fredenburg, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, Berlin  
Kristin Walczynski, 11<sup>th</sup> grade, Lake Geneva  
Anh Bui, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Lake Geneva

**Melanie Davis, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Muskego - Loeymae Lange Memorial Best in Class award winner**

"We are thrilled to receive Dr. Lange's generous gift to the WEA Member Benefits Foundation, Inc., as a way to honor his sister's legacy and promote recognition and positive self-esteem for student artists," said David Kijek, WEA Member Benefits President and CEO. "We have a long, proud tradition of philanthropic support for our public schools that is driven by our belief in public education, and we are excited to honor these eleven aspiring artists who are students in our public schools, in a big way, thanks to Dr. Lange."

**\*\*For additional photos, please contact Amy Erato, Communications Manager at 1-800-279-4030.**

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**About the WEA Member Benefits Foundation, Inc.**

*The WEA Member Benefits Foundation, Inc., launched in March 2019 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity that supports public education through grants and charitable donations to public educators, public schools, and the communities they serve. More information can be found at [weafoundation.org](http://weafoundation.org).*

**About WEA Member Benefits**

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