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SVMS students' "Reflections" entry advances to national competition level

Kendall Felps never thought a simple message about how the task of keeping our planet clean is in our hands would ultimately earn her national recognition.

Felps, a seventh-grade student at Smithson Valley Middle, was chosen to advance to the national PTA "Reflections" level.

Felps' photography project, titled "Take Matters into Your Own Hands," depicted a hand holding a miniature trashcan with the words "Think Green" on it.

Felps won an "Overall Award of Excellence" at the local and state level, and recently received word her project was advancing to the national PTA Reflections competition in Washington D.C.

"I had no idea when I took the photo it would do this well," Felps said. "I guess the judges really liked the message I was trying to send."

Felps first took the photo for an assignment in Jennifer Brown's English Language Arts class at SVMS.

"I have my students enter the reflections contest every year," Brown said. "We had many creative entries, and I'm so happy for Kendall that she's done so well."

PTA's Reflections is a contest held annually that recognizes students' artistic achievements in categories like visual arts, literature and music. This year's theme was, "I can make a difference by..."

Felps will receive special recognition at a PTA Reflections award banquet in Austin in June.

Although Felps had the only Comal ISD entry that advanced to nationals, several other CISD students received an "Award of Excellence" at the statewide

level, including Shelby Hedgepeth (Rahe Bulverde Elementary, Dance), Kaiser Maja (Rahe Bulverde, Literature), Elizabeth Delgado (Arlon Seay Intermediate, Literature), and Nicole Brissette (Canyon Lake High, Literature). Jordan Wilson (SVMS, Dance) won an “Award of Merit” at the state level.

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