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### **Two Local Students Win Mosaic Contest for Del Ray's First Privately Built, LEED Certified "Green" Building *Students' Artwork to Adorn Building's Entrance***

**Alexandria, VA**—Two local students—one from Arlington and one from Alexandria—were selected as the winners of the [Del Ray Greens](#) Mosaic Contest. Scheduled to break ground this spring, Del Ray Greens will be the first privately owned, LEED certified green building in Del Ray. To celebrate, Del Ray Greens hosted a contest for students to design and produce two large mosaics that will adorn this new building's main entrance.

"I have always really liked mosaics, so this contest was an inspiring way to connect with the community about our innovative new building. I was impressed to see the students' creativity and enthusiasm. The winning designs will have a lasting impact as integral parts of the building's design and décor," explained Del Ray Greens Owner Julie Wadler, founder of Alexandria-based [epiphany productions, inc.](#)

The first place winner was Sarah Concepcion, a 9th grader from Alexandria's TC/Minnie Howard Campus, who receives a \$1,000 prize along with her school's art department. The second place winner was Khanh-Chau Mai, a 7th grader from Arlington's Swanson Middle School, who wins \$500 as does her school. Selecting the winners was a distinguished panel of judges that included Alexandria Mayor Bill Eulle, Arlington School Board Member Libby Garvey, Architect Skip Maginniss, Alexandria City Planner Maya Contreras, and building owner Julie Wadler.

The contest was open to all students who attend City of Alexandria public schools and Arlington County Public Schools. With six schools participating, students entered in collaboration with their school's art department. The winners' schools will now be responsible for helping the students produce the 7' x 6' mosaic. The designs were judged on their creativity, use of color, design, and incorporation of three different themes: business, local community, and environment.

Del Ray Greens will be located on the corner of Hume and Mount Vernon Avenues. It will be used for commercial, mixed use office space. One of its green features will include a community farm on its roof where organic fruits and vegetables will be grown and farming space sold to the community.

*Photos of artwork available upon request.*