

## Tenafly High and Middle School Students Beautifully Illustrate a Ridge-to-Reef Approach to Coral Reef Conservation

### Tenafly boasts two winners of the 2022 Science Without Borders® Challenge

Tenafly, NJ — May 25, 2022 - The Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation is thrilled to announce the winners of their annual student art competition, the *Science Without Borders® Challenge*. Now in its tenth year, this international contest engages students in ocean conservation through art, encouraging them to create artwork that inspires people to preserve, protect, and restore the world's oceans. This year, students were asked to illustrate a 'Ridge to Reef' approach to coral reef conservation—and they delivered!

Over 500 primary and secondary school students from nearly 50 countries submitted artwork to the 2022 *Science Without Borders® Challenge*, sending in beautiful artwork illustrating what people can do to help coral reefs on land and at sea. Artwork in the competition was judged in two categories based on age. The winning entries in each category are beautiful pieces of artwork as well as excellent illustrations of how this ridge-to-reef approach to conservation can be used to preserve, protect, and restore coral reefs.



First place in the category for students 11-14 years old went to 11-year-old Amy Hyobin Pyo, a student at Tenafly Middle School and Studio YM in New Jersey. Her piece, *Coral Reef in the Bosom of their Mother*, shows how coral nurseries can be an important tool in coral reef conservation. Amy said she wanted to use her artwork to “send a message to the world that corals are in danger, and how people are saving them.”

She hopes her artwork inspires people to help coral reefs in their daily lives.

This competition introduced students around the world to the plight of coral reefs and encouraged them to learn more about what can be done locally to save this critical marine ecosystem. Amy said the *Science Without Borders® Challenge* made her really interested in how scientists





and researchers were saving corals, and discovered they were breeding corals to restore reefs. “I loved this idea and wanted people to know about it and support it,” she said.

Tenafly High School student Jeongwoo Lee took home second place in the ages 11-14 category for her piece, *One Connection*. Each of the winners will receive scholarships of up to \$500 from the Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation to celebrate their achievement so they can continue to pursue their interests in art and ocean conservation.



Through this competition, the Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation hopes to educate students worldwide about the need to protect our ocean and inspire the next generation of ocean advocates. Amy Heemsoth, Director of Education at the Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation, said that “students and teachers who participate in this competition continue to impress me with their evident passion for marine conservation and drive to make a difference. This gives me hope for our ocean’s future.”

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#### **Tenafly Public Schools**

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#### **The Science Without Borders® Challenge:**

The *Science Without Borders® Challenge* is an international student art contest run by the Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation to engage students in marine conservation through art. The annual competition welcomes entries from all primary and secondary school students 11-19 years old. Scholarships of up to \$500 are awarded to the winning entries. Students and teachers interested in next year’s competition can learn more and apply at: [www.livingoceansfoundation.org/SWBchallenge](http://www.livingoceansfoundation.org/SWBchallenge).

#### **Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation:**

The Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation is a US-based nonprofit environmental organization that protects and restores the world’s oceans through scientific research, outreach, and education. As part of its commitment to Science Without Borders®, the Living Oceans Foundation provides data and information to organizations, governments, scientists, and local communities so that they can use knowledge to work toward sustainable ocean protection.

[www.livingoceansfoundation.org](http://www.livingoceansfoundation.org)

**Images of Winners and their Artwork:** <https://adobe.ly/39RUb5a>

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