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**BCSD Celebrates Veterans, Announces Student Art Contest Winners**

BARNWELL, S.C. — November 9, 2026 — Barnwell County School District is celebrating veterans this week, honoring their service and sacrifice through student artwork and a district Veterans Day program.



*Andrea Castellanos, Williston-Elko High School, Grades 9-12 Winner*

Veterans, their families and community members are invited to the program on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at 8:15 a.m. at Barnwell County Career Center. With the theme “Honoring Those Who Served,” the program will feature a musical performance by the Kelly Edwards and Williston-Elko Middle School combined chorus, along with a presentation and special participation by JROTC cadets.

As part of the district’s Veterans Day recognition, students used art to express their appreciation for those who have served our country. The following students were selected as winners of the BCSD Veterans Day Art Contest:

- Grades K–2 Winner: Emerson McDaniel, Macedonia Elementary-Middle School
- Grades 3–5 Winner: Trinity Simpkins, Kelly Edwards Elementary School
- Grades 6–8 Winner: Aliyah Hammond, Williston-Elko Middle School
- Grades 9–12 Winner: Andrea Castellanos, Williston-Elko High School

Honorable mentions were awarded to Wemberly Ferguson of Barnwell High School and Abigail Hutto of Williston-Elko High School.

These six students will be recognized during Wednesday’s program. Their artwork, pictured in the accompanying photographs, reflects their appreciation for veterans and the families who support them.

BCSD extends its gratitude to all veterans, including those among its staff, families and community, for their dedication and service to our nation.

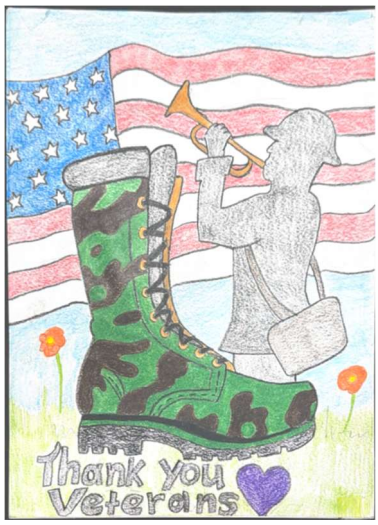
**Every Student Matters. Every Moment Counts.**

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*Aliyah Hammond, Williston-Elko Middle School, Grades 6–8 Winner*



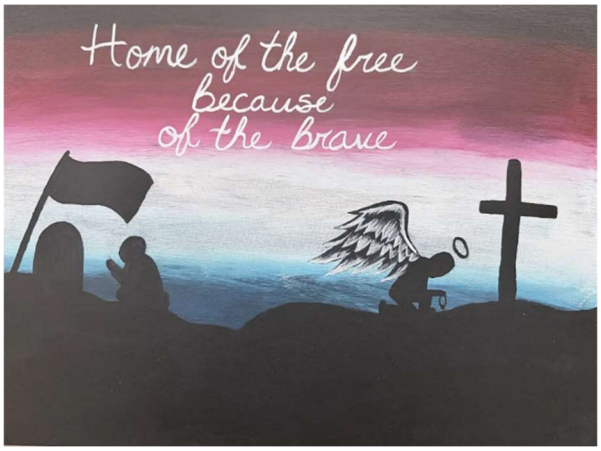

*Emerson McDaniel, Macedonia Elementary-Middle School, Grades K-2 Winner*




*Wemberly Ferguson, Barnwell High School, Honorable Mention*

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*Abigail Hutto, Williston-Elko High School, Honorable Mention*