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GLACVCD and Educational Foundation Announce Winner of Second Annual “Bite Back Against Mosquito Attacks!” Student Poster Contest

The Greater Los Angeles Mosquito and Vector Control Public Health and Educational Foundation and the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) announced the grand prize winner of their second annual “Bite Back Against Mosquito Attacks!” Student Poster Contest. Fifth grade student Jessy Lau from Mt. Calvary Lutheran School in Diamond Bar was presented with a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and a pizza party for her class by Education Program Coordinators LeShawn Simplis and Andrew Pak. Lau’s artwork will be featured on approximately 40 Los Angeles County Metro buses this summer as part of GLACVCD’s mosquito awareness campaign.

“I want for people to know that they should dump water and keep their yards clean to prevent vectors,” said Lau, who also shared that she is very excited about winning the contest. Lau lives with her parents and three siblings in Diamond Bar. Besides drawing, Lau enjoys dancing and gymnastics. Science and math are her favorite school subjects.

Fourth through sixth grade students living in the Greater Los Angeles County area were encouraged to share their artistic ability by creating posters reflecting the theme “*Bite Back Against Mosquito Attacks!*” for a second year. GLACVCD and the Foundation use the poster contest as an outreach tool to teach children about vector control and disease prevention. “Children pay more attention to a subject if they’re able to learn about it in an interesting way,” commented Pak. “The poster contest is a nice complement to the VecMobile, our elementary school educational program, and is a way to teach children about vectors and the diseases they carry in a method that is meaningful to them.” Staff members look forward to enhancing the poster contest in the future.

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For more information about the poster contest winner or about the VecMobile program, please call **(562) 944-9656** or visit **www.glacvcd.org**.

The Greater Los Angeles Mosquito and Vector Control Public Health and Educational Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in March 2001 by the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District to further advance its existing educational program and community outreach efforts. The Foundation seeks to empower the diverse youth population of Greater Los Angeles County to be proactive and informed members of their communities. The Foundation provides free, hands-on science education to elementary schools.

The Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District is an independent, special district dedicated to promoting community health, comfort and welfare through effective and responsive vector control. GLACVCD is one of five mosquito and vector control districts in Los Angeles County. The District serves approximately 6 million residents in a 1,330 square mile area, making GLACVCD the largest vector control district in Los Angeles County.

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