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Student Recognition on the eve of the Presidential Preference Primary Registration Deadline

Hillsborough County, FL – Today is an important day in the 2020 election cycle – the deadline to register to vote (if not already registered) or change party affiliation for the Presidential Preference Primary. Florida has closed primaries, so only Democrats and Republicans vote in the Presidential Preference Primary election. And while some residents rush to make the deadline, thousands of high school students are well ahead of the game.

“We have a strong partnership with Hillsborough County Public Schools,” said Supervisor of Elections Craig Latimer. “We visit all the high schools twice a year to help students register to vote, and during election years we also hold an art contest. Student engagement in these efforts has been terrific.”

The elections office registered more than 3,200 students this school year. Supervisor Latimer will recognize six schools and three students at today’s School Board Meeting for their participation in voter registration and art contests. The School Board Meeting begins at 4 p.m. at 901 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida. Pictures will be available following the meeting. And the winners are...



VoteHillsborough Art Contest

Caspers Company McDonald’s® Restaurants provided prizes for the art contest participants and the artwork of the three finalists will be used in the Supervisor of Elections’ marketing efforts – including hundreds of thousands of bag stuffers distributed at local McDonald’s restaurants this summer.

- 1st Place: Alexa Weston, Strawberry Crest High School
- 2nd Place: Christiana Miranda, Blake High School
- 3rd Place: Sophia Dyer, Homeschooled

VoteHillsborough Voter Registration Contest

The Supervisor of Elections Office held voter registration drives in high schools in the fall and spring. The schools with the most successful voter registration drives (based on percentage of senior class) are:

- 1st Place (tied): Bloomingdale High School & Newsome High School
- 2nd Place: Armwood High School
- 3rd Place (tied): Steinbrenner High School, Wharton High School & Strawberry Crest High School

For those who still need to register to vote or make a party change, here’s how to make the deadline:

- Visit one of the four Hillsborough County elections offices by 6 p.m. tonight
- Register/update online at RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov before midnight tonight
- Stop by the Supervisor of Elections’ voter registration tables at USF or UT from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Mail in the registration application or update, postmarked no later than today

For more information, visit VoteHillsborough.org or call (813) 744-5900.

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