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Student Winners Announced in Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Golden Sneaker and Creation for Transportation Contests; Thousands Participate

Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic by offering all-remote services, including events to encourage students and families to use active transportation and be active and healthy while complying with county health guidelines

ALAMEDA COUNTY, Calif. – The [Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools \(SR2S\) Program](#) is celebrating the success of two countywide events—the Golden Sneaker Contest, a popular annual tradition, and Creation for Transportation, a brand-new event.

Creation for Transportation: February 1–28, 2021

Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program's newest event, [Creation for Transportation: Art for Walking, Bicycling, Carpooling and Taking Transit](#), provided high school students with a physically-distanced and engaging way to reflect on the impacts of their transportation choices. During the event, students submitted art that addressed the impacts of different transportation choices and that inspired their community to walk, bicycle, carpool and take transit. Winners were selected based on their creativity and how their piece reflected their knowledge of and call to action to consider transportation choices as a way to improve their community through improved health, environmental justice, or community building.

The Alameda County SR2S Program is thrilled to announce that the winners of the Creation for Transportation contest are:

- 1st place: Devin Keppard-Tongue and Sidney Tchanyoum from McClymonds High School
- 2nd place: Lily Flagg from Castro Valley High School
- 3rd place: Dae Fernandes from Castro Valley High School

To see their artwork and learn more about each artist, please visit the [event webpage](#).

Golden Sneaker Contest: March 1–5, 2021

This year, over 7,000 students in over 300 classrooms participated in the virtual [Golden Sneaker Contest](#). Students participated from their homes and neighborhoods by walking, biking, scooting, skating, taking transit, using supportive mobility devices, and engaging in indoor physical activities. Teachers polled their classrooms, and tallied how many students used active and shared modes during the event week. On average, three out of four students used active and shared modes during the contest, helping reduce their carbon footprint, stay healthy and build community. The classroom at each school with the highest rate of active travel was awarded the Golden Sneaker award.

The program is excited to present **Sunset Elementary School in Livermore** with the countywide Platinum Sneaker award. Sunset Elementary had the highest participation rate in the County across their 12 participating classrooms. During the event week, 87 percent of participating students at Sunset Elementary used active or shared transportation, or did some physical activity indoors.

About the Alameda County Transportation Commission

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) coordinates countywide transportation planning and delivers essential, voter-supported transportation improvements in every city throughout Alameda County. Alameda CTC administers the county's Safe Routes to Schools Program and provides most of its funding through the voter approved transportation sales tax Measures B and BB, which were approved by 81.5 percent of county voters in 2000, and more than 70 percent of voters in 2014, respectively. Visit [Alameda CTC's website](#) to learn more, and follow Alameda CTC on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

About Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools

Safe Routes to Schools is a comprehensive and effective approach to getting more kids biking, rolling, and walking safely to school. It provides kids and their parents with skills, encouragement, and inspiration through a range of activities, events, and lessons, while also addressing local pedestrian, bicycle and personal safety concerns. Operating since 2006, the Alameda County Safe Routes to Schools Program is funded in part by Alameda CTC with Alameda County's local Measure B and Measure BB sales taxes, and regional, state, and federal funds, serving more than 250 schools throughout the county. Visit the [Safe Routes to School website](#) to learn more, and follow Safe Routes to Schools on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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