

TEXAS CONSERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM

2024 AREA III WINNERS

OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

First Place

Matagorda County SWCD #316 - Raymond Jones, Jr. - Bay City, Texas

Runner-Up

Willacy SWCD #349 - Charles Burns - Raymondville, Texas

CONSERVATION RANCHER

First Place

J Bar J Ranch – The Rathmann Family - Cedar Creek, Texas - Bastrop County SWCD #340

Runner-Up

William Hahn - Port Lavaca, Texas - Calhoun SWCD #345

CONSERVATION FARMER

First Place

Four Plus Farms - Taft, Texas - San Patricio SWCD #324

Runner-up

Dean Hansen - Danevang, Texas - Matagorda County SWCD #316

ESSAY CONTEST (ages 13 and under)

First Place

Sydney Pletcher - Edna, Texas - Jackson SWCD #336

2nd Place

Allison Rokovich - Victoria, Texas - Victoria SWCD #346

3rd Place

Olivia Bowers - Kingsville, Texas - Kleberg-Kenedy SWCD #356

ESSAY CONTEST ages 14-18)

First Place

Jayden Gonzales - Sinton, Texas - San Patricio SWCD #324

2nd Place

Abigail Burrow - Boling, Texas - Wharton County SWCD

3rd Place

Kieana Cruz - Kingsville, Texas - Kleberg-Kenedy SWCD #356

POSTER CONTEST (K-2ND Grade)

First place

Miria Terrazas - Zapata, Texas - Zapata SWCD #335

2nd place

Julia Favela - Floresville, Texas - Wilson County SWCD #301

3rd place

Sloan Johnson - Weimar, Texas - Colorado County SWCD #333

POSTER CONTEST (3rd-6th Grade)

First place

Sophia Alaniz - Zapata, Texas - Zapata SWCD #335

2nd place

Jessie Wang - Victoria, Texas - Victoria SWCD #346

3rd place

Alan Flores - Garwood, Texas - Colorado County SWCD #333

FRIEND OF CONSERVATION

Dr. Don Steinbach - Professor Wildlife & Fisheries (Retired) - Burton, Texas
Washington SWCD #348

Runner-up

Kristi Kelley - Texas High School Counselor - Kingsville,
Kleberg-Kenedy SWCD #356

CONSERVATION TEACHER

First place

Janet Haverkemp - High School Science Teacher - United High School, Laredo, Texas
Webb SWCD #337

Runner-up

RaeAnn Mitchell - 2nd Grade Teacher - Blessing Elementary School, Blessing, Texas
Matagorda County SWCD #316

WILDLIFE CONSERVATIONIST

First Place

Tim Soderquist - Magnolia, Texas - Calhoun SWCD #345

Runner-up

Trey Barron - Victoria, Texas - Victoria SWCD #346