

# **TEXAS CONSERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM**

## **2025 AREA 3 WINNERS**

### **OUTSTANDING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

#### **First Place**

Kleberg-Kenedy SWCD #356  
Kingsville, Texas  
Chairman: John Prukop

#### **Runner-Up**

Wilson County SWCD #301  
Floresville, Texas  
Chairman: Wayne James

### **CONSERVATION RANCHER**

#### **First Place**

Kenedy Pasture Company, Sarita, Texas  
Kleberg-Kenedy SWCD #356

#### **Runner-Up**

Richard Bludau, George West, Texas  
Live Oak SWCD #323

### **CONSERVATION FARMER**

#### **First Place**

Julia Paige Ritchie, La Pryor, Texas  
Winter Garden SWCD #326

#### **Runner-Up**

Ryan Hickl, El Maton, Texas  
Matagorda County SWCD #316

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### **WILDLIFE CONSERVATIONIST**

#### **First Place**

William Womack, Port Aransas, Texas  
Victoria SWCD #346

#### **Runner-Up**

Dr. Dagoberto Gonzalez, Laredo, Texas  
Webb SWCD #337

### **CONSERVATION TEACHER**

#### **First Place**

Jenna Cotter, Stockdale, Texas  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science – Stockdale Junior High School, Stockdale, Texas  
Wilson County SWCD #301

#### **Runner-Up**

Rene Rodriguez, Laredo, Texas  
Ag Science Teacher – United High School, Laredo, Texas  
Webb SWCD #337

### **FRIEND OF CONSERVATION**

#### **First Place**

Jimmy Appelt, Hallettsville, Texas  
Reporter/Photographer for Hallettsville Tribune Herald  
Lavaca SWCD #334

#### **Runner-Up**

Clifford Carter, Victoria, Texas  
Range Conservationist, Retired Victoria SWCD Technician  
Victoria SWCD #346

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### **POSTER CONTEST (Kindergarten through Second Grade)**

#### **First Place**

Paityn Embrey, Floresville, Texas  
Wilson County SWCD #301

#### **Second Place**

Sandro Pescador, Dale, Texas  
Caldwell-Travis SWCD #304

#### **Third Place**

Benjamin Mumme, Floresville, Texas  
Wilson County SWCD #301

### **POSTER CONTEST (Third Grade through Sixth Grade)**

#### **First Place**

Anayah Serna, East Bernard, Texas  
Austin County SWCD #347

#### **Second Place**

Homero Salas, Zapata, Texas  
Zapata SWCD #335

#### **Third Place**

Messiah Martinez  
Colorado County SWCD #333

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### **ESSAY CONTEST (Ages 13 and Under)**

#### **First Place**

Kiveli Jasso, Zapata, Texas  
Zapata SWCD #335

#### **Second Place**

Lane Damron, Brenham, Texas  
Washington SWCD #348

#### **Third Place**

Rhyder Neyland, Stockdale, Texas  
Wilson County SWCD #301

### **ESSAY CONTEST (Ages 14 through 18)**

#### **First Place**

Aryn Vanecek, Sinton, Texas  
San Patricio SWCD #324

#### **Second Place**

Emery Grigg, Kingsville, Texas  
Kleberg-Kenedy SWCD #356

#### **Third Place**

Kelli Rivera, Boling, Texas  
Wharton County SWCD #342