

TEXAS CONSERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM

2026 AREA 3 WINNERS **OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

First Place

Winter Garden SWCD #326 - Francis Corrigan, La Pryor, Texas

Runner-Up

Wilson County SWCD #301 - Wayne James, Stockdale, Texas

CONSERVATION RANCHER

First Place

Snery Cattle Co., Bay City, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Matagorda County SWCD #316

Runner-Up

Patsy Pawlik, George West, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Live Oak SWCD #323

CONSERVATION FARMER

First Place

Boening Bros. Dairy, Inc., Floresville, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Wilson SWCD #301

Runner-up

Daniel Wendland of Triple W Farms, Taft, Texas
District Submitting Entry: San Patricio SWCD #324

ESSAY CONTEST (ages 13 and under)

First Place

Kal Damianiov, San Antonio, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Alamo SWCD #301

2nd Place

Grayson Gebhardt, La Vernia, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Wilson County SWCD #301

3rd Place

Rilan Karisch, La Grange, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Fayette SWCD #341

ESSAY CONTEST (ages 14-18)

First Place

Madison Grimes, Zapata, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Zapata SWCD #335

2nd Place

Darcy Luedke, Bellville, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Austin County SWCD #347

3rd Place

Aryn Vanecek, Sinton, Texas
District Submitting Entry: San Patricio SWCD #324

POSTER CONTEST (K-2ND Grade)

First place

Duke Perez, Zapata, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Zapata SWCD #335

2nd place

Hattie Bonse, Weimer, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Colorado County SWCD #333

3rd place

Kinsley Barrientez, Kenedy, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Karnes County SWCD #343

POSTER CONTEST (3rd-6th Grade)

First place

Anastasia Miller, Fall City, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Karnes County SWCD #343

2nd place

Kingston Hammond-Nylin, Inez, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Jackson SWCD #336

3rd place

Brianna Flores, Garwood, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Colorado County SWCD #333

FRIEND OF CONSERVATION

First Place

San Antonio River Authority (SARA), San Antonio, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Alamo SWCD #330

Runner-up

Dr. Poncho Ortega - College Professor- Ricardo, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Kleberg-Kenedy SWCD #356

CONSERVATION TEACHER

First place

Cathryn Hernandez, 6/7 Grade Science 7 GT - East Bernard Jr High, East Bernard, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Wharton County SWCD #342

Runner-up

Shawna Mutchler -8th Grade English - Palacios ISD, Palacios, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Matagorda County SWCD #316

WILDLIFE CONSERVATIONIST

First Place

Soctt Hindman, Placedo, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Victoria SWCD #346

Runner-up

H Yturria Land & Cattle Company, Raymondville, Texas
District Submitting Entry: Willacy SWCD #349