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YOUNG VOTERS ADVERTISING CONTEST WINNERS
ANNOUNCED BY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

NAPLES, April 7—The League of Women Voters of Collier County has announced the high school student winners of their Young Voters Advertising Contest held this winter.

Best overall submission was awarded to Valerie Deering, of Golden Gate High School, for her dramatic and colorful poster. Top winners from other high schools were the posters submitted by Lauren Magieria, of Naples High School, and Simone Bravo, of Palmetto Ridge High School. Both are colorful graphic arts posters.

Runner-up prizes were awarded to Nick Bullock, Nancy Ceasar, Claudia Diaz, Courtney Garbow, Meg Hoolihan, Son Pham, Frankie Pollam, Shari Samper and Patrice Sanders, all students at Golden Gate High School; and Jon Bonello, Hillary Huckstep, Amy Lavin, Virginia Marshall, Stacey Summers and Julia Szilagy, students at Naples High School. Amy Lavin's submission was a videotape, the others were all posters. Winning and runner-up submissions can be viewed on the League website, www.lwvcolliercounty.org.

“We are pleased that these young people wanted to help encourage their peers to be involved in our political process,” said Chris Straton, president of the Collier County League. “They showed considerable creativity in the ads they developed to encourage other young people to vote. We hope their work will help reverse recent trends of low voter turnout for elections.”

The posters will be displayed at the Naples City Hall and the Supervisor of Elections office. Valerie Deering's best overall submission may be used in Collier County get-out-the-vote advertising. Amy Lavin's video is being aired on the Naples government channel.

The League acknowledged the teachers who inspired their students to participate in the contest: Larry Mutter, Palmetto Ridge High School; Diane Ferguson, Golden Gate High School; and Sherri Morrissey, Naples High School.

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The distinguished panel of judges who rated the contest submissions included State Senator Burt Saunders, State Representative Garret Richter, Supervisor of Elections Jennifer Edwards, County Commissioner Donna Fiala, Naples Mayor Bill Barnett, *Naples Daily News* Vice President and Editor Phil Lewis, *N* magazine Managing Editor Susan Smith and Steve Kubala, vice president and marketing director, Exploritech, Inc.

REGIONS Bank, the Community Foundation of Collier County, *Naples Daily News*, *N* magazine, Supervisor of Elections Jennifer J. Edwards and the Florida Women's Consortium were also sponsors for the contest.

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Attached illustration: Golden Gate High School student Valerie Deering's winning poster.