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Comments for Mayor William D. Euille, March 22 City Council meeting:

We are here this evening to honor students from throughout Alexandria for their outstanding art for the National PTA's Reflections Arts Program.

Students are encouraged to express their personal interpretation of an annual theme by producing an original, artistic entry in the categories of dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and visual arts. The most imaginative interpretation in any one of these mediums is the object of the program. The 2010-2011 theme was "Together We Can..."

(Nancy Cox Jairrels, Reflections Chair for the Alexandria PTA Council will be there – she could be asked to tell a little about what Reflections is – or the following can be read:)

The Reflections program is designed to enhance rather than replace a quality arts education and provides opportunities for students to express themselves and to receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts. Congratulations to all students who participated!

This year more than 600 Alexandria students participated in the PTA Reflections Arts Program. Two ACPS students received first-place honors in the state competition – they will move on to the national competition. Congratulations to Douglas MacArthur Elementary School student Oscar Lloyd, who earned first place in the primary division literature competition, and to George Washington Middle School Campus student Eliza Malakoff, who received first place in the middle division literature competition.

Other winners besides First Place Winners Oscar Lloyd and Eliza Malakoff are:

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### **Virginia STATE Reflections Winners from the Alexandria Schools:**

#### **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE (2ND PLACE)**

**Stephanie Slaven** - Film/Video Production (Senior Division), TC Williams High School – Stephanie was also a First Place winner in the District Reflections for Outstanding Interpretation of Theme.

#### **AWARD OF MERIT**

**Alex Conkey** – Visual Arts (Intermediate Division), Maury Elementary School  
NOTE: Alex was First Place winner for the District Reflections -- Outstanding Interpretation of Theme.

**Northern Virginia DISTRICT Reflections Winners from the Alexandria Schools:**

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE** *(2nd Place)*

**Jacob Foster**, Film/Video Production (Intermediate Division), James K. Polk Elementary School

**Ben Devine**, Photography (Intermediate Division), Lyles Crouch Elementary School  
– Ben also won the Award of Merit for the Intermediate Division of Reflections for Music Composition