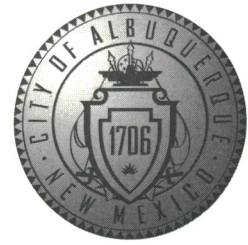


# CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE



March 18, 2026

Dear Contestants,

It is my distinct honor to congratulate the 12 winners of the first annual Albuquerque Public Schools Visual and Performing Arts Black History Art Contest.

I also extend my sincere thanks to Albuquerque Public Schools for hosting this inaugural event. Your commitment to celebrating history through artistic expression and to uplifting the voices and talents of students reflects the very best of educational leadership and creative inspiration.

For over a century, communities nationwide have recognized and honored Black history as an essential and enduring part of both our nation and the City of Albuquerque. This important focus elevates the voices, achievements, and contributions of Black Americans and highlights for future generations the profound role Black Americans have played in shaping our country and world.

May this contest continue to fuel creativity, honor the legacy of Black Americans, and encourage students to explore and share the stories that define us.

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