

# News Release



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## **Berrien Elementary student Jaden Ford wins Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors Poster Contest**

**ATLANTA** – At the Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors 2013 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Berrien Elementary student Jaden Ford was honored for winning the GACDS poster contest for Grades 4 to 6.

The poster contest follows the annual National Association of Conservation Districts Stewardship theme. Her poster best depicted the association’s 2012 theme “Soil to Spoon.”

The annual contest provides students an opportunity to convey their thoughts about soil, water and related natural resource issues through art. It also highlights the educational outreach efforts of conservation districts and their state conservation associations, auxiliaries and agencies.

Each year, the poster contest starts at the district level. Individuals and teachers with questions regarding district contests should contact their local district. To win the contest, Ms. Ford first submitted her poster to the Alapaha Soil and Water Conservation District, which promotes conservation efforts in Berrien, Clinch, Cook, Echols, Lanier and Lowndes counties.

The poster was then submitted by District Chairman Owen C. Prince to GACDS for a statewide competition resulting in Ms. Ford’s selection as the best poster in her group, Grades 4 to 6.

The theme for the 2013 contest will be “Where Does Your Water Shed?” Interested students may contact the Alapaha Soil and Water Conservation District or Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission Regional Representative Luke Crosson at (229) 995-6001 or email [lcrosson@gaswcc.org](mailto:lcrosson@gaswcc.org) for more information about submitting a poster for this year’s contest.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts were created in 1937 by the Georgia General Assembly to protect the state’s soil and water resources following the Dust Bowl of the 1930’s. Districts provide a way for citizens to set local resource priorities for state and federal assistance programs.

At the state level, the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) supports locally led soil and water conservation districts. Local conservation project funding is provided by the State of Georgia, along with grants from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, USDA-NRCS and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. More information is available at [www.gaswcc.org](http://www.gaswcc.org) or by calling (706) 552-4470.

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