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North Surry Students Receive National Art Recognition

Surry County Schools is pleased to announce that two Migrant Education Program (MEP) students from North Surry High School, both juniors, Soledad Espinoza Gonzalez and Maria Espinoza Gonzalez, won honorable mention in the Art Category for ages 14-18 in the *Children in the Fields Campaign*, a national competition held by the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs.

The *Children in the Fields Campaign* works on behalf of farmworker children in the areas of Education/Prevention, Awareness & Advocacy, and Expression. The annual Essay and Art Contest supports the student expression component. Each year the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs sponsors the *Children in the Fields Campaign* to “collect hundreds of essays and works of art from students across the country, giving farmworker children the opportunity to showcase their heartwarming and compelling stories on the national stage and to empower them through ...contests as they find the power in their voice.” Along with the national Honorable Mention, Maria and Soledad’s artwork is featured on the cover of the Surry County Schools’ Migrant Education Program 2018-2019 calendar.

Surry County Schools’ Migrant Education Recruiter/Support Staff Member, Mr. Gerardo Linares, assisted the girls in completing the competition application and sending them to Washington, D.C. Director of Federal Programs, Mrs. LuAnne Llewellyn commented, “The theme of the contest was ‘Flourishing in the Fields’, and I am so proud of the way in which Soledad and Maria have flourished at North Surry. Both girls are motivated to obtain their high school diplomas and continue their education. Maria and Soledad will achieve wherever they choose to go and this is just one example of how students thrive in a variety of ways in Surry County Schools with the balance of challenge and support for personalized learning opportunities.”

