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The Lesniak Institute releases Humane State Design Contest Winners

Union, NJ - Winners of the Lesniak Institute for American Leadership Humane State License Plate Design Contest are as follows: In first place, Kelly Qiang from High Technology High School; second place is Cristiana DeSousa from William F. Holloran School; third place is Katarina Krupa from Cumberland Regional High School.

First place winner, Qiang will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, her design on a NJ state license plate, and a visit to her school by The Institute's Founder and President Sen. Raymond J. Lesniak. Second place winner, DeSousa will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, presented to her at school by Sen. Lesniak.

The following finalists are recognized for offering their great talent to the contest and will receive a \$100 art supply gift certificate: third place recipient, Katarina Krupa from Cumberland Regional High School, Lenin Betancur of EHS Frank Cicarell Academy, Abby Pino of Cumberland Regional High School, Andrea Sermeno of EHS Frank J. Cicarell Academy, and Nataly Mendez of William F. Halloran School.

In addition to the finalists, The Institute's honorable mentions are given to the students who offered an excellent visual example of NJ's humanity toward animals: Addy Johnson of Willingboro High School; Yongtong Feng of Middletown High School North; and Chelsea Flores, Karl Monabat, and Victoria Correia of EHS Frank Cicarell Academy.

The Institute will announce winners for the essay portion of the Humane State contest on Dec. 15.

About The Lesniak Institute for American Leadership

The Lesniak Institute for American Leadership, based at Kean University, is a nonprofit think tank and training institute to develop the next generation of American leaders, and to partner with grassroots leaders from across the country, to advocate for social justice. The Institute is named for Senator Raymond J. Lesniak, who, over a 40-year career in the New Jersey Legislature, authored and sponsored hundreds of laws that have advanced civil rights and the quality of life for millions.

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