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## Winners chosen in the NCC's coast-to-coast student banner contest

*Seven youth banners to be raised in the Capital; contest winners to share  
their experience with the Governor General of Canada*

**Canada's Capital Region** — The National Capital Commission (NCC), in partnership with Classroom Connections and the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General, is pleased to announce the winners of this year's cross-Canada student banner contest — with young winners to have their artwork exhibited in the heart of the Capital beginning this week.

### PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Date:	Wednesday, May 22, 2013
Time:	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (approximately)
What:	Installation of winning youth banners
Where:	Major's Hill Park (east side of park, along Murray Street)

Students in Grades 5 through 8 (Elementary 5 through Secondary 2 in Quebec) were asked to create and submit a one-of-a-kind banner design to the [“Raise Your Voices!” National Student Banner Contest](#). They responded overwhelmingly with more than 1049 submissions received from coast to coast to coast. The inspired designs represent issues and topics of importance to Canadian youth.

The seven winning banners have been professionally produced by the NCC and will be flown in Major's Hill Park until October 2013 where they will be seen by thousands of residents and visitors.

**NEW!** On May 31st, the artists who created the top three banners, along with their classmates, will meet with the Governor General of Canada, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, via videoconference, to discuss their banner and how they can participate in building smarter and more caring communities, as well as to share their hopes for the future.

In addition, the NCC will send a set of banners to student winners and their school, listed as follows.

**Ernest Morrow School**, Calgary, Alberta  
Grade 7 students Alyssa Vo and Judy Vu  
Banner entitled *Soldiers of Peace and Freedom*

**Jack Donohue Public School, Kanata, Ontario (\*top 3)**

Grade 7 students Jenny Dai and Sophie Qin

Banner entitled *The Peace Pole*

**John Ware Junior High School, Calgary, Alberta**

Grade 7 students Aadil Amjad and Oliver Thrall

Banner entitled *Nature's Gift*

**King's Christian School, Salmon Arm, British Columbia**

Grade 7 students Madison (Mady) Hart and Natanya O'Brien

Banner entitled *Tree of the Year*

**Ridgeview Elementary School, West Vancouver, British Columbia**

Grade 5 students Kate Lytle and Macy Meldrum

Banner entitled *Girl Power*

**Royal West Academy, Montréal, Quebec (\*top 3)**

Grade 8 students Jennifer Mashaal and Shalee Walsh

Banner entitled *A Taste of Canada*

**Windfields Junior High School, North York, Ontario (\*top 3)**

Grade 7 students Timothy Choi, Truman Wong Catherine Zhang

Banner entitled *Eyes of the North*

Visit [canadascapital.gc.ca/bannercontest](http://canadascapital.gc.ca/bannercontest) to view the winning designs and detailed banner descriptions.

For more information about the NCC's youth programs, classroom resources or other NCC programs, the public can contact the NCC at 613-239-5000, 1-800-465-1867 (toll-free), 613-239-5090 (TTY) or 1-866-661-3530 (toll-free TTY), or visit the NCC's website at [www.canadascapital.gc.ca](http://www.canadascapital.gc.ca).

For more information about the role of the Governor General, visit [www.gg.ca/eduzone](http://www.gg.ca/eduzone).

Classroom Connections is a non-profit organization dedicated to initiating positive societal change by producing progressive educational resources for Canada's youth. To learn more about its programs and services, visit [www.classroomconnections.ca](http://www.classroomconnections.ca).

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