SDE announces student winners of 2020 holiday art contest

(BOISE) – This year’s holiday cards from the Idaho State Department of Education will feature a Boise sixth-grader’s drawing of a mask-wearing Santa wishing Idaho a safe Christmas.

The artwork, by Raen Ifurung of Sage International School, won top honors in this year’s SDE Holiday Card contest, chosen from more than 800 entries by students in kindergarten through sixth grade across Idaho.

“Raen gave us the perfect holiday greeting for 2020, blending seasonal joy, warm wishes and a reality unique to 2020 with a wonderful image of a masked Santa and his sleigh gliding across an outline of Idaho,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra said. “This whole contest has been delightful, with bright, imaginative images reflecting students’ creativity and talent. It’s a highlight of our year at the State Department of Education, and we’re happy to share the winning artwork throughout Idaho.”

In addition to receiving overall honors, Ifurung is the sixth-grade winner.

Other grade-level winners are:

- Kindergarten: Lucy Kreis, Skyway Elementary, Coeur d’Alene School District
- First grade: Blake Felgate, Roosevelt Elementary / Boise School District Online School
- Second grade: Arjun Eruvuru, Riverside Elementary / Boise School District Online School
- Fourth Grade: Rachel Winjoe, Virtual School House, West Ada School District
- Fifth Grade: Caspia Robinson-Hunt, Idaho Virtual Academy, Star

Check out all of the winning art on the State Department of Education website.

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Attached: The grand prize winning artwork by Raen Ifurung, Sage International School of Boise