Wilmington science students honored

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Wilmington —
The winners of UMass Lowell’s Cool Science Contest – 24 schoolchildren from across the state, including Wilmington – will be honored by the university for teaching thousands of commuters about climate change through their original artwork.

Students from Belchertown, Byfield, Fitchburg, Haverhill, Holbrook, Lowell, Maynard, Millbury, Milton, Reading, Tyngsboro and Wilmington are scheduled to participate in a ceremony in their honor. The event will feature first-place artwork from a Lowell seventh-grader displayed on the side of a Lowell Regional Transit Authority bus.

The Cool Science Contest asked students in the Commonwealth’s primary and secondary schools to create artwork that teaches the public about climate issues. Nearly 600 students from 25 schools responded. The six first-place entries are displayed on LRTA buses, inside the buses and in bus terminals through June. Second-place and honorable mention entries are featured on the project’s website, www.coolscience.net.

Speakers are scheduled to include David Lustick and Jill Lohmeier, professors in the university’s Graduate School of Education who are leading the initiative. Representatives of Anastas Advertising, which donated more than $13,000 in advertising space to the project, and the LRTA are slated to attend. Cool Science is funded by a grant from UMass President Robert Caret’s Creative Economy Initiatives Fund.