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## ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL ADMINISTRATION

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### Harman School wins \$2,500 in statewide contest

**CHARLESTON, WV** – The West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration (WVABCA) is pleased to announce that Harman School is the second-place winner of the 11th annual NO School Spirits Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest. A total of 67 entries from nearly 500 students attending 37 middle schools and high schools across the state took part in the WVABCA's underage alcohol prevention and education program. Students created and submitted videos that address the dangers of underage drinking and drinking and driving.

WVABCA Commissioner Fred Wooton said, "Participation continues to grow each year. Our contest would not be possible without our sponsors and funding from State Farm®, National Alcohol Beverage Control Association (NABCA), and the West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program."

**An award event is scheduled at Harman School on Friday, April 26th at 9:30 a.m.** In addition to winning \$2,500.00, the students who submitted the PSA will each receive "*Certificates of Recognition*" from Governor Justice. Governor Justice said, "I am so proud of each and every student across West Virginia that participated in the contest. If these PSA's save just one student from drinking and driving, then it's worth it," Gov. Justice added. "Unfortunately, I will not be able to celebrate with the Harman School, but they should know that I recognize their hard work and I am proud of them for sharing this important message with their peers."

Additional 2023-2024 winning schools:

1st Place (\$5,000.00) - Shady Spring High School; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (\$1,000.00) -Wheeling Central Catholic High School; 4<sup>th</sup> Place (\$750.00) - Tolsia High School; and 5<sup>th</sup> Place (\$750.00) - Grafton High School.

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About WVABCA:

*The West Virginia Legislature created the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration in 1935. The WVABCA was organized to give effect to the mandate of the people expressed in the repeal of the state prohibition amendment and to assure the greatest degree of freedom that is consistent with the health, safety, and good morals of the people of West Virginia. The Mission of the WVABCA is to regulate, enforce, and control the sales and distribution, transportation, storage, and consumption of alcoholic liquors and nonintoxicating beer as mandated by the West Virginia Liquor Control and Nonintoxicating Beer Act.*