



## **Winners of statewide poster contest announced**

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MONTPELIER — Three Vermont students were recognized by Vermont Treasurer Jeb Spaulding as the statewide poster contest winners of a competition that challenged each to visually portray the theme, "Financial Responsibility Begins with Me."

The winners were announced during a ceremony at the Statehouse.

The winner of the elementary division was Kelsey Craige, a 4th grade student at Allen Brook School in Williston. The character in her poster is portrayed using her "head" to make financial decisions, such as saving for college, instead of following her "heart" and spending money on shopping trips and movies.

Dominic Wysolmerski, a 7th grade student at Christ the King School in Rutland, was the winner of the middle school division. His money-man cartoon lists a range of financially responsible choices, including not squandering allowances and saving birthday gift money.

The high school division was won by 12th grade student Katherine Derby of the Windham Regional Career Center in Brattleboro. The poster she created shows the personal choice between saving or spending money at the local mall. Derby participates in a school program that allows her to train and receive job experience as a student teller at the Career Center Branch Bank. She will include her poster in her student portfolio.

The Treasurer's Office, Consumer Credit Counseling Service of New Hampshire and Vermont, and the Vermont Bankers Association sponsored the contest as a way to promote financial education for youth.

Each student received a \$100 U.S. savings bond and the student's school a \$100 cash award. The prizes were provided by the Vermont Bankers Association.