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## **Kansas kids win poster/video contests, focus on improving traffic safety**

Statewide winners of two contests have been announced as part of the national safety campaign Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day.

**For the poster contest** – Quincy Coup of Hope, Emma Kuhlman of Topeka and Von Wolesslagel of Hutchinson are the statewide winners. Each student was selected as a regional winner and will receive a bicycle donated by the Kansas Turnpike Authority and a helmet donated by Safe Kids Kansas at presentations at their schools. A total of 434 Kansas kids ages 5 to 13 participated.

As statewide winners in their age categories, they will also receive a Kindle Fire tablet from the KTA, a \$50 gift card from the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas and movie passes from AAA Kansas along with a \$200 donation to the school, class or booster club. **(Artwork is attached.)**

**For the video contest** – Students from Lansing High School won first place. They will receive first choice of an iPad, GoPro or DJI Osmo Pocket along with a \$500 donation to the school, class or booster club, donated by the KTA.

Students from Eudora captured second place, and students from Shawnee Mission West High School placed third in the video contest. Each will receive one of the remaining prizes listed above. There were 35 entries from teens across the state. To see the winning videos, go to <https://bit.ly/2ANyoHk>

Organizations that work together on this safety campaign include the Kansas Department of Transportation, Kansas Turnpike Authority, Kansas Highway Patrol, Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office, AAA of Kansas, Kansas Contractors Association and the Federal Highway Administration – Kansas division.

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day is a nationwide effort to increase roadway safety and reduce all traffic fatalities. For more information and a list of all the winners across Kansas, go to [www.ksdot.org](http://www.ksdot.org) and click on the Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day information.

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