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MAMS Student Wins Nationwide Contest



Moon Area Middle School seventh-grader Alex Madia's artwork topped tens of thousands of entries by middle school students from across the United States in the recent "Mission: 10,000 Rockets" drawing competition.

Sponsored by Microsoft's Bing search engine, the contest asked students from all grade levels to design the rocket of tomorrow in conjunction with the search engine's new high-resolution mapping function. Alex's drawing was selected by a panel of Microsoft employees and scientists based upon its creativity and innovation. His drawing along with only two others from additional grade-specific competition brackets will be made into a 3-D model to honor his invention.

Once created, images of the models will be posted online at www.10000rockets.com and the drawings will be included in commemorative "Mission: 10,000 Rockets," book containing 10,000 other rocket drawings created by United States students.

The contest also partnered with Artsonia, the world's largest children's art museum. Moon Area student artwork regularly can be found posted on www.artsonia.com as the online museum offers a free venue to display student creations.