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Volga 4-Hers win student soil health video contest

PIERRE, SD – Volga students Caleb Barsness and Dane Olson won first place in the South Dakota Soil Health Coalition’s 2022 Soil Health Demonstration Student Video Contest. The two sixth-grade Sioux Valley Middle School students, representing the West Sioux 2 4-H Club, will be awarded \$1,000 for their winning entry, “Neighbors Meetup.” Their video depicted two agricultural producers discussing the advantages of soil health practices.

Rapid City students and sisters Kaitlynn and Ashlynn Wellman won the \$500 second-place prize with their entry, “The Dirting Game,” which depicted a soil health-based dating game.

Contest participants were asked to submit a video of no longer than 4 minutes featuring a soil health demonstration.

“The goal of the contest was to give students a chance to learn more about soil health practices while having fun, and we received some outstanding entries,” SDSHC Board Member Doug Sieck said. “The next generation of land stewards are already learning the knowledge and skills they will use to manage their landscape. We want to make sure they learn about the importance of soil health now so they will make it a priority in the future.”

The first and second place video entries can be viewed at www.sdsoilhealthcoalition.org/2022/12/2022-video-contest-winners.

More information about soil health, including the upcoming 2023 Soil Health Conference and its associated student essay contest, can be found at www.sdsoilhealthcoalition.org.



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Volga, SD, sixth grade students Dane Olson, left, and Caleb Barsness won first place in the South Dakota Soil Health Coalition's 2022 Soil Health Demonstration Student Video Contest.

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