

Award DCo ON THE GO design contest winners gift certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place adults and youth artist

The offices of Durham County General Services, Durham County Engineering, and Durham County Public Information collaborated to launch the “ DCo On the Go” design contest. The design contest was created to invite local artists to contribute designs for the “ DCo On the Go” mobile office. This mobile office is equipped with broadband access, meeting spaces, and large screens, and is currently under construction.

The contest sought distinctive artwork from youth for the rear of the bus and adult artists for sides of the vehicle. The contest required artists to be current residents of Durham County, they must use the County color palate, must incorporate Durham County symbols, landmarks and reflect perspective of Durham County’s diversity and values. Each entry required a biography of the artist. The design must not include any copyrighted images/designs; must not have derogatory or offensive content.

The contest was extended to encourage more participation and concluded on April 12, 2024' , An independent citizen panel judged 35 entries.

The prize package winners are:

Adult Artists (18+):

- 1st Place – \$1,000 gift card; Janice Little is an art teacher, mother, artist, farmer, educator, and community member, living in Durham North Carolina with her children, husband and extended family at the Corner House in the North Street neighborhood. She loves to work with her hands, and is an artist in residence and farmhand at Little Sparrow Flower farm. Her work as an educator constantly inspires engagement in a variety of media and a love for experimentation and play within her artistic process. She currently teaches at Cristo Rey Research Triangle High School in downtown Durham.
- 2nd Place – Brandon Hampton; wins a \$500 gift card
- 3rd Place – Aaron Overington; wins a \$250 gift card

Youth Artists (Grades 6-12):

- 1st Place – Jena Im; wins a \$250 gift card; Jena Im is a young digital artist who enjoys creating art pieces in her spare time and hope to share her work for others to see. She worked to receive her GED at 16 and plans to create art as a side gig to support an upcoming acting career. She taught herself the basics and has gathered the skills, as well as improved, throughout the years to where she is now in her art journey. Jena grew up in Durham, North Carolina, and has been passionate about the arts since she was 12. She will continue to work to get better and better as she grows!
- 2nd Place – Erin Lee; wins a \$100 gift card;

- 3rd Place – Dahlia Louis; wins a \$50 gift card.

Thank you to all participants for your vibrant and innovative contributions to the “ DCo On the Go” initiative. Your creativity helps bring our community together and enhances the services Durham County can provide.