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Lisle Park District's Annual Photography Contest Winners Showcase the Importance of Local Parks in 2020

Photo: [Photographs Awarded Honors in Lisle Park District's Annual Contest \(from left to right, top to bottom\): 1st place "Smile with Your Eyes," 2nd place "Let's Fly," 3rd place "Highlight Reel," and Honorable Mention "The Fantastic Four"](#)

Lisle, IL – The Lisle Park District has chosen its annual photography contest winners, which showcase the unique perspective of patrons enjoying local parks during a year when open, outdoor space played an increasingly important role to many throughout the U.S. and greater Lisle community. In fact, three in five U.S. residents – more than 190 million – visited a park, trail, public open space or recreation facility at least once during the first three months of the pandemic.*

The 2020 Photo Contest winners captured various experiences throughout 110 acres in Lisle Community Park located at 1800 Short Street. The highest award was presented to Nicole Albanese for her photo “Smile With Your Eyes” taken on the new, all-inclusive Discovery Playground, which opened to the public in August of 2020 near the entrance of Sea Lion Aquatic Park at 1825 Short Street. The second-place prize was given to Danielle Milostan for her original photograph “Let’s Fly” overlooking the recently renovated Van Kampen Memorial Stage. The honor of third place was awarded to Dana Mali for her vibrant photo of the fishing pond in Lisle Community Park titled “Highlight Reel.” Last, but not least, honorable mention was granted to Scarlett Winterburn for her lively snapshot captured while enjoying a walk in the park with “The Fantastic Four.”

Whether you’re an amateur or seasoned photographer, be inspired by your surroundings in the greater Lisle community. As you enjoy Lisle Park District’s open space, parks, facilities, recreation programs and events, be sure to capture these moments on your camera and enter the park district’s annual photo contest now through October 2021. Please note that all photographs must be taken at Lisle Park District’s parks, facilities, events or programs. To learn how you can participate, visit lisleparkdistrict.org/photographycontest for contest rules, submission guidelines, and additional information.

The Lisle Park District provides a variety of leisure activities for people of all ages throughout the year. Park district facilities include Lisle Community Park; the Recreation Center which houses Gentle Learning Preschool, SEASPAR, the Senior Center, and multipurpose rooms; Sea Lion Aquatic Park; River Bend Golf Course; Wheatstack – A Midwestern Eatery & Tap and numerous neighborhood playgrounds and parks offering amenities such as tennis courts, ball fields, walking paths and picnic areas totaling close to 400 acres. It is the mission of the Lisle Park District to enrich the quality of life for people of all ages by providing constructive and creative leisure opportunities. For more information about the Lisle Park District, visit lisleparkdistrict.org or call 630-964-3410.

**2020 NRPA Engagement with Parks Report*

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