

Second Time is the Charm

The Prince William County Service Authority recognized some familiar faces in its Model Water Tower Competition on November 2.

After finishing in third place in the annual middle school contest a year ago, the Woodbridge Middle School team of Alyssa Casselle and Kylie Hayes took home first place in this year's event with their candy-themed entry.

"We were enjoying lollipops one day, and we thought, 'why don't we do that for the competition?'" said Casselle of their pink and blue model.

This fun and educational event provides Prince William County middle school students and fifth-grade SIGNET students the opportunity to test their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) skills and to earn cash prizes for building functional model water towers. Entries were rated on structural, hydraulic and cost efficiency as well as design ingenuity.

Pennington Traditional's Nachiketa and Saanvi Mahajan finished second while Matthew Duffett of Benton Middle School placed third. Honorable Mention went to the team of Jeremiah and Jerry Boasmanboon from St. Francis of Assisi School, while Gabrielle and Matthew Johnson from Benton Middle and Ashland Elementary schools, respectively, won for Most Innovative Design.