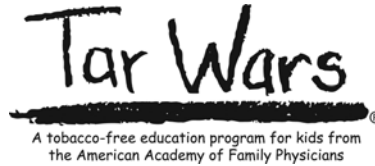


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# LADD STUDENT WINS ANNUAL TAR WARS STATEWIDE POSTER CONTEST

SPRINGFIELD – Madisyn Quinn, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at Ladd Community Consolidated School, is Illinois' newest tobacco-free spokesperson. She designed the winning poster in the Family Health Foundation of Illinois Tar Wars Poster Contest, held April 15th in Springfield. Madisyn's "No Joke, Don't Smoke" message beat out 19 other finalists from around the state. Twenty-six IAFP members – family physicians, residents and medical students – cast a vote, evaluating the posters on creativity and a positive message about being tobacco-free.

Quinn's poster will represent Illinois at the National Tar Wars Poster Contest July 26-27 in Washington, D.C. The National Poster Winner will be announced on July 26 at a banquet honoring all the state winners.

**The 2010 Illinois Tar Wars Poster Contest Results:**

**WINNER:** Madisyn Quinn, Ladd Community - Ladd

**2nd Place:** Brandon Johnson, Lincoln Elementary - Morton

**3rd Place:** Keila Havken-Patterson, Putnam Co. Elementary- Hennepin

Emily Happ of the Bureau-Putnam Bi-County Health Department taught Tar Wars at Ladd Community Consolidated School. The last state poster contest winner from Bureau County was Patrick Blackert in 2005. In the current school year, over 180 healthcare professionals and medical students taught Tar Wars to over 270 elementary schools across the state. The Foundation is especially grateful for the comprehensive efforts of many Illinois local health departments who teach Tar Wars to thousands of schoolchildren and conduct local poster contests to submit to the state contest. All 20 state poster contest finalists will receive a certificate.

Tar Wars, a program of the American Academy of Family Physicians, is at work in schools around the country, as well as in Canada and overseas. The program is free for schools and for volunteers to teach in their local schools or youth groups. For more information, including the complete program curriculum, visit [www.tarwars.org](http://www.tarwars.org).

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