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## San Joaquin County Unveils 175th Anniversary Commemorative Seal

Winning Student Design Reflects Heritage, Progress, and Hope for the Future

**STOCKTON, CA** – The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors is proud to announce the official unveiling and distribution of its 175th Anniversary Commemorative Seal, featuring the winning artwork by student A. Vasquez, titled "How Far We've Come." The seal will be used throughout 2025 in official County communications and celebrations to mark this historic milestone.

The design was selected through the County's 175th Anniversary Commemorative Logo Art Contest, which invited students in grades 7 through 12 across the County to submit artwork inspired by the theme "175 Years of Growing Greatness." A. Vasquez's entry was selected for its artistic depth, historical symbolism, and forward-looking message.

In her artist statement, Vasquez shared, "The clock represents the evolution of San Joaquin County throughout time, including its festivals, agriculture, engineering, and advancements in the economy. If you look closely, the clock marks 2:09 to represent our area code. I hope this logo inspires others to recognize how far we've come, and the hope of where we are going, because time never stops."

Chair Paul Canepa praised the winning design, "Ms. Vasquez's artwork perfectly captures the spirit of San Joaquin County—not just where we've been, but where we're going. Her design honors our deep roots and celebrates our ongoing progress as a diverse, innovative, and resilient community. We are proud to showcase her work throughout this anniversary year."

The commemorative seal will appear on official County documents, certificates, websites, social media platforms, and public materials during the anniversary year. It will also be prominently featured at events and celebrations commemorating the County's 175-year legacy.



The Board of Supervisors extends its congratulations to Ms. Vasquez and gratitude to all student participants who contributed their creativity and vision to this meaningful project. For more information on the 175th Anniversary and upcoming events, follow the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

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