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## APWA President Mary Joyce Ivers Presents #AQOLFA Award at 2021 Future City Competition

**Kansas City, MO – April 6, 2021** – Tomorrow, April 7, at 1 p.m. ET, APWA President Mary Joyce Ivers will be presenting the #AQOLFA Award at the Future City Awards Celebration. Future City, one of the nation’s leading engineering education programs, is a project-based learning program where students in 6th, 7th, and 8th graders imagine, research, design, and build cities of the future. The #AQOLFA (advancing quality of life for all) Award is given on behalf of APWA to the team whose design best demonstrates an advancement of quality of life through public services that

- improve mobility;
- provide clean water;
- reduce the use of natural resources;
- provide public places for people to come together; and
- provide a safer place to live, work and play.

This year’s theme was *Living on the Moon*, and asked students to envision what a potentially sustainable community on the moon would look like, with examples of how the city uses at least two Moon resources to keep its residents safe and healthy. In teams of 2-6 students each, the participants must imagine, research, design, and showcase their solutions. Over 30 teams entered the competition.

With the help of an advising engineer and a sponsoring teacher from the school, the teams completed five deliverables: a 1,500-word essay; a scale model built from recycled materials, a project plan, a presentation video, and an online Q&A session with judges. Judging began on Saturday, March 13, 2021. Judges included APWA Education Manager Rita Cassida, APWA Government Affairs Manager Marty Williams, and APWA President Mary Joyce Ivers.

“It was an out of this world experience to participate as a judge for the Future City competition. The students all did a fabulous job creating a City on the moon with healthy, innovative and resilient aspects that we can hope one day to implement in our communities. Congratulations to all the Future City teams! I am inspired for our future and beyond,” said Ivers.

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Watch this video invitation to learn more about this exciting virtual event: <http://bit.ly/future-city-video>. Don't miss the teams' creative solutions to this year's challenge to design a city on the moon. Watch the Future City Awards Celebration live on Wednesday, April 7 at 1 p.m. EST at [FutureCity.org](http://FutureCity.org). Please RSVP at [bit.ly/RSVPFutureCity2021](http://bit.ly/RSVPFutureCity2021) to get email reminders.

For additional information about APWA's participation in the Future Cities competition, please contact APWA Education Manager Rita Cassida at [rcassida@apwa.net](mailto:rcassida@apwa.net). For additional information about APWA, please contact APWA Associate Director of Marketing and Web Services Jared Shilhanek at [jshilhanek@apwa.net](mailto:jshilhanek@apwa.net).

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