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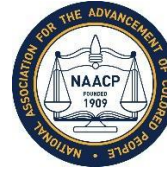
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### Environmental Justice Pathways Youth Art Debut

#### *Local Youth Artists address Environmental Justice using Spoken Word and Cinematography*

**EUGENE, OR.** – Beyond Toxics and the NAACP Eugene Springfield are featuring four Oregon-based youth artists to present their art work to the public via a webinar format. These artists were selected as the winners of the Environmental Justice Youth Art Competition. Winners were slated to present their work at the Oregon Environmental Justice Pathways (EJP) Summit, a statewide gathering that was originally planned for April at the University of Oregon. With the Summit cancelled because of the COVID-19 precautions, [the event will be held via webinar](#) on June 15 at 6:30 pm PST. The event is free but registration is required.

Attendees will have the opportunity to listen and engage with artists as they share their responses to environmental justice issues affecting future generations. Read more about the EJP artists below:

- **Paul Wilson, Video – “Rios to Rivers”:** Paul is a photographer and cinematographer who uses storytelling to document the sovereignty of Tribal Nations and Water Stewardship.
- **Naily Nevarez, Video - “Homero Gomez Gonzalez”:** Naily is a multidisciplinary artist whose videos, animations and website design use storytelling as a tool to build empathy for the lived experience of marginalized communities.
- **Grace Burks, Poem - “from they who voicelessly screams.”:** Grace, a poet and Honors Undergraduate at Oregon State University, will make attendees consider the future of mother earth and those who depend on it.
- **AWW, Poem - “Howling”:** A.W.W., a young, non-binary individual will read “howling”, a written piece that challenges violent narratives through creative works, poetry, and performance art.

This is the third webinar in the [EJP webinar series](#). Monthly webinars will address topics such as Tribal Water Justice, The Right to Clean Air and Healthy Workplaces, Climate Resilient Communities and more. The series fosters critical discussions around environmental justice in the State of Oregon, and will culminate in an in-person gathering at the University of Oregon in April 2021. To register for the webinar go to [BeyondToxics.org/events](http://BeyondToxics.org/events) or call **541-465-8860**.

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**Beyond Toxics promotes environmental justice engagement and community-based environmental grassroots organizing to ensure environmental protection and health for all communities.**