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*Project Green Schools presents:*

## *The 2018 Green Difference Awards*

*In recognition of Outstanding Environmental Education, Innovation, Leadership & Service in our Schools & Communities*



*April 13, 2018*

*Massachusetts State House, Great Hall of Flags*



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*Project Green Schools works to develop the next generation of environmental leaders through hands-on, project-based, solutions-based learning, community service and action. [www.projectgreenschools.org](http://www.projectgreenschools.org)*

## Schedule of Events:

Welcome from State Representative Jay Barrows

Welcome from Project Green Schools Executive Director, Robin Organ

Remarks from Project Green Schools Board Chair, Stacy Goodman

Samuel Brown School introduce emcee Duke Castiglione, Anchor and Reporter, WCVB Channel 5

Remarks from Green Schools Student President, Belle Allmendinger

Words from our National Youth Council and group picture

Presentation of Energized Future Scholarships from Karen O'Neil, Senior Manager, External Communications, Current, powered by GE

Presentation of Green Difference Maker Scholarship awarded by National Grid and Project Green Schools

Eco Fashion Show by Quincy High School

Words from our Sponsor, Jackson Fernandez of Planet Aid

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Presentation of Green Difference Awards

Acknowledge Honorable Mentions

Group Photo of Green Difference Award Winners

Presentation of Pins for National Youth Council Members

Presentation of Green Difference Maker Sponsor Recognition

New Partnerships: Mariah Ramos and Launch X and learn about our new partnership with Jack Johnson's Foundation

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Honoree Reception to follow

## Congratulations to Scholarship Recipients:

### Energized Future Scholarships sponsored by Current powered by GE and Project Green Schools - \$1,000

- Laura West - Ballston Spa Senior High School, NY
- Allison Carter - Barnstable High, MA

*The Bright Future Scholarship is given to 2 graduating seniors pursuing higher education in a related area of study; Energy, Environment, Innovation, STEM, Business, Community-related are of student. The scholarship is provided by [Current, powered by GE](#) and [Project Green Schools](#).*

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### Green Difference Maker Scholarship sponsored by Project Green Schools & National Grid Scholarship - \$2,000

- Gabrielle Allmendinger - Manchester Essex Regional High School, MA

*The Green Difference Maker Scholarship is given to a graduating senior who has demonstrated exceptional leadership on behalf of Project Green Schools. This scholarship honors impactful environmental leadership that takes place beyond the walls of a traditional school and out in our communities. This change maker has made a real difference in the lives of many, and we anticipate great things to come in this young person's future!*

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### **Outstanding Green Community Hero**

- West Tisbury School (MA)- *Safe Sea MV*
- Fleet Farming West Orlando (FL)
- MAST Academy (FL) - MAST PTSA - *Michele Drucker*
- Twin Lakes Academy Elementary School Green Team (FL) - *Green Team*
- Madison Park Technical Vocational HS (MA) - *USGBC Legacy Project*
- Schools for Climate Action (CA) - *Tanya Turneure*

### **Outstanding School-led Project in Energy**

- Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (MA) - *Energy Efficient Technologies*
- Mendon Upton Regional School District (MA) - *Jay Byer-Director of Finance & Operations*

### **Outstanding School-led Sustainability Project in Sports**

- Pingree School (South Hamilton, MA) - *Tree replacement/tree loss mitigation from turf field construction*

### **Outstanding Green Education/Program Director**

- MUSE School (CA) - *MUSE School Seed to Table Program*
- Middlebrook School (CT) - Heather Priest - *Wilton Zero Waste Schools*
- Ellis School (NH) - Robin Lee - *Lemurs to Lorax*
- Dorothy L. Bullock Elementary School (NJ) - Sonya Harris - *The Bullock Children's Garden*
- Little Tree Huggers LLC Preschool (VA) - *Eco-Green Preschool*
- Centreville Elementary School (VA) - *Mary Ann Settlemyre, STEAM/Outdoor Education Specialist*

### **Outstanding Green Superintendent/Principal**

- Joshua Center Northeast (CT) - Principal David Heg - *Green School Turnover*
- Verde Elementary (FL) - Seth Moldovan - *Verde Elementary Green Team*
- The Compass School - Brandee Lapisky (RI) - *The Science Engagement Center at The Compass School Farm*

### **Outstanding Global School-led Project in Climate Action**

- NPS International School, Guwahati, Assam (India)
- University of Buea (Africa) - *Green Hands Drama/play to create awareness and sustainable solutions.*
- University of South Florida Patel College of Global Sustainability (FL/Nigeria) - *Green Club Nigeria*
- Tesla STEM High School (WA) - *Schools Under 2C*

### **SUSTAINABILITY AWARD - Outstanding Environmental Education Program w/ Proven Track Record of 5 or more years!**

- Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs (MA) - *Ocean Awareness Student Contest*
- Tamount Green School (Morocco)
- Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (RI) - *Fish In The Classroom*

### **Lifetime Achievement Award for a hero who has dedicated his or her life to Green Education**

- Al Stenstrup (Washington, DC) - *Green Schools National Network*
- PSGR Krishnammal Nursery and Primary School (India) - *Principal Dhanam Sivalingam*
- Susan Carew, Director of Facility Engineering & Energy (FL) - *Duval County Public Schools*
- *Young Voices for the Planet (Washington, D.C.) - Lynne Cherry*



## 2018 Green Difference Awards Honorable Mentions:

Foothill Middle School Mt. Diablo Unified School District (CA)  
- Reusable Water Bottle Hydration Stations = Reduction in Plastic Bottles

Twin Lakes Academy Elementary School (FL) - Green Team

Abir Zaineh of Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School (MA) - Baking for Support & Green Team Gives Back

Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs (MA) - Alyssa Irizarry, Program Director

Environmental Eagles (Peabody, MA) - Peabody Public Schools

Kathy Cerruti - Cohasset Cares: Sustainability Symposium (MA)

Upper Cape Technical Regional High School School (MA) - Food Waste Innovation with Greenovation

Wellesley Middle School (MA) - Design and Technology Course

West Tisbury School (MA) - Safe Sea MV

Brandon Hunt - Marumsco Hills Elementary Going Green! (VA)

Congratulations to our 2018 Honorees and Green Leaders!



## Congratulations to the 2018 Green Difference Awards Honorees:

### Outstanding Green Student [Elementary/Middle/High]

- Justin Sather (CA) - *Justin's Save the Frogs Project*
- Admiral Arthur W. Radford High School – Jamie Hearther, Student/Vice President Environmental Club (HI) - Volunteer work/Environmental Club
- Poornima Sri L V of PSGR Krishnammal Nursery and Primary School (India)- *Green Retreats*
- Andover High School (MA) - Aaron (AJ) Roberts - *Sustainable Garden Project*
- Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Environmental Club (MA) - *Plastic Bag and Plastic Water Bottle Bans*
- Hopkinton Middle School Green Team (MA) - Tyler Goldner - *Clean Water for HMS*
- Manchester-Essex High School Green Team (MA) - Annie Martin - *3 Season Gardening*
- Manchester-Essex High School Green Team (MA) - Gabrielle Allmendinger - Green Team President & Project Green Schools President - *World Water Day Resolution/Sustainability*
- Manchester-Essex High School Green Scholars (MA) - Nils Taylor- *Sustainable Practices*
- King Middle School (ME) - Addie Farmer and Lainey Randall - *A Plastic Ocean*
- United World College South East Asia East Campus (Singapore) - Hemal Arora- *Solar for East*

### Outstanding Commitment to Greenovation [GREEN + STEM + Innovation]

- Warren Community Elementary School 21st Century Community Learning Center (MA) - *Agriculture is Awesome: Salad Science to Agricultural Engineering*
- Congressional School (VA)- *Congressional (Blueprint for a More Sustainable) School*
- Highland Elementary School Green Team (FL) - *Highland Goes Green 2018*
- Paul Cuffee Elementary (RI) - Stacy Gale, *4th Grade Teacher*
- Malden High School (MA) - *Learn & Earn*
- Sustain Them (TN) - *Sustain Them Enrichment Program*