Project Green Schools presents:

The 9th Annual Green Difference Awards

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

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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.

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Schedule of Events:

Welcome from State Representative Jay Barrows

Remarks from Project Green Schools Executive Director, Robin Organ and Board Chair, Stacy Goodman

Introduction from emcee, Karen Anderson of WCVB

Keynote Presentation from Leilani Muenter

Remarks from the Boston Bruins Foundation

Presentation of Green Up New England Awards & Honorable Mentions

Presentation of Green Schools Scholarship in partnership with Walmart by Bob Sweeney, Executive Director of the Bruins Foundation

Remarks from Student President, Mark Thekkethala, of Xaverian Brothers High School/Scholarship Winner

Presentation of Current by GE Scholarship

Remarks from Eve Wyman of Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School

Boston Women's Workforce Council presentation of Mayor's Citation

Eco Fashion Show by Quincy High School

Words from our Sponsor, Chris Buchanan of Walmart

Presentation of Green Difference Awards

Legislative Award--Outstanding Green Community Hero/Bottle Filling Station at MA State House/"Taking back the tap at the MA State House" Senator Jamie Eldridge

Green Student of the Month Recognition

Special Presentation by Korpita's Green Team

Presentation of National Green Schools Society Pins

Group Photo of Green Difference Award Winners

Presentation of Green Difference Maker Sponsor Recognition

Words from our Sponsor, Jackson Fernandes of Planet Aid
Closing

Green Up New England Challenge Winners:

GRAND PRIZE WINNER

- *Epiphany School Greenhouse & Garden Ed Program (MA)*

Best Green School Practices

- *Environmental Eagles (MA)*
- *Andover Public Schools (MA)*

Best Green Community Practices

- *The Compass School (RI)*
- *Sudbury HS Environmental Club (MA)*

Energy Reduction

- *Solar/Pellet/LED Inter-Lakes School District (NH)*
- *Campbell Recycling Advocacy Project – Campbell High School in Litchfield (NH)*

Waste Reduction

- *Deep Roots- Charter Oak IB Academy (Conn)*
- *KUA food waste pork project (NH)*

Honorable Mentions:

- *7B Growing Green School Garden – Andrews Middle School – Medford (MA)*
- *Beverly Schools Compost Initiative (MA)*
- *Trex Plastic Recycling Challenge – Blackstone Valley Tech (MA)*
- *Green School Initiative at Ismailia Governroate (MA)*
- *Aquaponics/hydroponics system for raising edible plants and fish – Medford (MA)*
- *Green Wars – Manchester (MA)*
- *Sustainability as Lens to View the World: Curriculum Initiative – SAGE School (MA)*
- *Wellesley's Bates Elementary School Food Waste Reduction and Landfill Diversion (MA)*

1st Annual Green Schools Scholarship Winner

- Mark Thekkethala – Xaverian Brothers High School (Westwood, MA)

Energized Future Scholarship Winner

- Eve Wyman – Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School (North Dighton, MA)

Congratulations to the 2017 Green Difference Awards Honorees:

Outstanding Green Students [Elementary/Middle/High]

- Anna Shi – Chelmsford High School (MA)
- Austin Smith - Reynolds High Career Center (NC)
- Lanier Middle School (VA)
- Korpita's Kids Green Team, Anne T. Dunphy School Williamsburg, MA
- Charlotte Gorie & Miranda Lawrence, Andover High School, MA
- Isha Mayor, Worcester Academy, MA
- Belle Allmendinger, Manchester-Essex Regional High School, MA

Outstanding School-led Project in Energy

- Sheffield Elementary GREEN T.E.A.M (FL)
- Energy Saver is an Energy Gainer – PSGR Krishnammal Nurser & Primary School —(Tamilnadu, India)

Outstanding Commitment to Green-o-vation [GREEN + STEM + Innovation]

- Jacksonville Beach Elementary School - STEM Resource for over 600 students (FL)
- Quaboag Regional School District Quaboag Middle Innovation School (MA)

Honorable Mention:

- **The Sage School (MA)**

Outstanding School-led Project in Sports

- Sports related to science - Motivate the mind; the body will follow - PSGR Krishnammal Nurser & Primary School — (Tamilnadu, India)

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

- Wonder Woman-Zsofia Pasztor (WA)
- Ms. Dana Pounds, Executive Director and President of Nature's Academy-Edventures through Nature's Academy (FL)

Outstanding Green Community Hero

- Bottle Filling Station, led by Senator Jamie Eldridge at MA State House (MA)
- Sustainability Efforts in Wellesley's Cafeterias (MA)
- Travis Barnes - Green Apple Day of Services - US Green Building Council (USGBC) Tampa Bay (FL)

Honorable Mention:

- **Retired Teacher/Green Team Leader (FL)**

Outstanding Green Education/Program Director

- Alden Road Exceptional Student Center (FL)
- Blueprint for Footprints Project - Aminata Gueye – (Seneco, Africa)
- Jenn Fletcher & Explore Wildwood - Homeschool (GA)
- Sandra Antaya & Thacker Avenue Elementary School for International Studies (FL)

Honorable Mention:

- **Christine Bean - Mount Hope High School (RI)**

Outstanding Green Superintendent/Principal

- Mr. "Noh Limits" and the Zero Waste Initiative (HI)
- Nikolai Vitti -Duval County Public Schools Green Champions Program (FL)
- Project Based Learning in S.T.E.A.M. Toward a Better World - Henderson Mill Elementary (GA)
- Principal Rebecca Franks - West Middle School Andover (MA)

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

- Explore The Bay Education Program (RI)
- Korpita's Kids Green Team - Anne T. Dunphy School Williamsburg Elementary School (MA)
- Green Champions of Duval County Public Schools Green Champions Program, Jacksonville (FL)
- Change is Simple, Inc.'s Impact in Education and Environmental Stewardship - 5 Years On (MA)
- GreenState Environmental Club - Sandalwood High School (FL)

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Congratulations to all of our 2017 honorees. You all do great and inspiring work!
-Stacy Goodman and Ingolfur Agustsson

Congratulations to all of our Green Leaders!
-Johanna C. Jobin