Robin Sidman of Project Green Schools Earns Best of Green Schools Award

Award Spotlights Organizations and Individuals Dedicated to Sustainability in Schools

BOSTON, MA – (February 18, 2026) – Project Green Schools Executive Director, Robin Sidman, has been named a 2026 Best of Green Schools Award recipient for the Ambassador category, presented by the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and Green Schools National Network. The awards celebrate the hard work being done by people, schools, campuses, and organizations to accelerate the green schools movement.

As Founder and Executive Director of Project Green Schools, Robin Sidman has worked tirelessly to build one of the nation's most recognized organizations dedicated to cultivating the next generation of environmental leaders.

Robin has launched and scaled hallmark initiatives such as the National and International Green Schools Societies, which provide a pathway for students to design, lead, and implement sustainability projects in their schools and communities.

Robin has created innovative platforms to elevate student voice, including the National Youth Council, giving young leaders opportunities to influence local, state, and national policy discussions. Under her leadership, Project Green Schools has engaged more than 500,000 students across 6,500+ schools worldwide.

"I'm truly honored to accept this award. After 18 years of service and dedication to advancing environmental education and youth leadership opportunities, it is incredibly rewarding to see the impact of our work. Witnessing the energy, ingenuity, creativity, and commitment of our student leaders gives me immense hope for the future, and I look forward to continuing our mission of elevating and amplifying student voices for a more sustainable future for all," said Robin Sidman, Project Green Schools Executive Director and Best of Green Schools Award winner.

During the awards ceremony, Ms. Sidman was joined by two extraordinary student leaders from San Diego who exemplify Project Green Schools' mission: Sarah Al Talqani, President, and Madelyn Gallagher, Vice President, of the National Green Schools Society – Valhalla High School Chapter.

"We are so proud that Robin is being honored for all of her hard work and dedication," said Project Green Schools Board Co-Chair Tracy Curley. "Her innovative approach—bridging grassroots student action with policy influence—has empowered a generation of young leaders, making her extraordinarily deserving of this honor."

Anisa Heming, director, Center for Green Schools at USGBC, said, "The 2026 Best of Green Schools recipients are individuals and groups that have dedicated their efforts to creating healthy environments for students and educators. Their exceptional work is a testament to the reach of the Green Schools movement and the impact that resilient schools have on their communities."

"The 2026 Best of Green Schools honorees remind us that sustainability in education is not just a goal, it's a long-term commitment grounded in people, leadership, and strategic thinking," said Ileana Albareda, executive director at the Green Schools National Network (GSNN). "Their work is shaping healthier, more resilient schools for students to learn and thrive. They are part of a growing network of changemakers, and their leadership continues to inspire others to take action and create lasting impact."

The Center for Green Schools and Green Schools National Network received hundreds of nominations of individuals and organizations that have made an impact in advancing green schools in 2025. The 2026

recipients of the Best of Green Schools Award were announced during the Green Schools Conference in San Diego on February 17th.

About Project Green Schools

Project Green Schools is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to developing the next generation of environmental leaders through education, project-based learning, and community service. Project Green Schools is finding and supporting tomorrow's environmental leaders today. Visit projectgreenschools.org for more information and a listing of programs.

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