

P₃ Eco-Challenge Awards Ceremony

May 15, 2013

4 - 7 pm

Long Key Nature Center • Davie, Florida





The Broward P3 Eco-Challenge is a multi-divisional and organizational effort between Broward County Public Schools (BCPS), Broward County Natural Resources Planning and Management Division, and the Broward Environmental Education Council (EEC). A P3 Committee, represented by members from these organizations, was formed to create and implement this wonderful initiative to recognize and reward our schools, teachers, students, administrators, and volunteers for their many efforts to learn

about and implement environmentally sustainable measures and green initiatives within our schools and communities.

There are two areas of recognition: The P3 School Challenge and the P3 Stewardship Recognition. The school challenge entails demonstrating participation in or implementation of different sustainability metrics based on a rubric composed of 6 comprehensive categories: School Grounds Enhancement, School Sustainability, Curriculum Integration, Community Involvement, Administrative Support, and Innovation.

The P3 Stewardship Recognition rewards teachers, students, administrators, and volunteers who show evidence of promoting civic responsibility, environmental stewardship, and education of environmental issues. This area of competition was under the purview of the Broward EEC in the previous years. The metrics of this category include: Awareness and Involvement, Current Professional Development/Affiliation, Instructional Soundness/Creativity, and Skill Building.

P3 Committee

Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Director, Broward County Natural Resources Planning and Management Division. Staff Members: Barbara Powell, Robert Rudolph, Victor Suarez, Kimberly Mayo, and Diana Guidry

Dr. Jeanine Gendron, Director, BCPS STEM & Instructional Resources Department. Staff Members: Dr. Lisa Milenkovic, Dr. Marilyn Johnson, Rebecca Malones, Rosie Bencivenga, and Ellen Siversen

Shelley Meloni, Task Assigned Chief Facilities & Construction Officer, BCPS Facilities & Construction Management Division. Staff Member: Gary Hines, Manager, Environmental Resources

Ed Hinline, Director, Business Applications, BCPS Information and Technology Department. Staff Member: Sally Han, Webmaster, Systems Analyst III

Environmental Education Council Members: Dawn Walker-Miller – Science Eye, Andy Roberts – Youth Environmental Alliance, and Steve Weinsier – Allstate Resource Management

Special thanks to Whitney Johnson for coming up with the name for our recognition program: P3 Eco-Challenge: Preserving our Planet for Posterity.

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Program Agenda

Reception and Music provided by Driftwood Middle School Jazz Band

Welcome

Emcee Jim Jackson

Introduction/Sponsorship Recognition

Dr. Jeanine Gendron, Director of BCPS STEM and Instructional Resources

Dr. Jennifer Jurado, Director of Broward County Natural Resources Planning and Management Division

Opening Remarks, Roxanne Paul, Senior Coordinator, Community & Volunteer Outreach, National Wildlife Federation

Keynote Speaker, Shannon Estenoz, Director of Everglades Restoration Initiatives, United States Department of Interior

Awards Introduction, Jim Jackson

Student Stewardship Category

- Elementary

- Middle

- High

Teacher Stewardship Category

- Elementary

- Middle

- High

Volunteer Stewardship Award

Administrator Stewardship Award

School Categories Awards

- School Grounds Enhancement

- School Sustainability

- Curriculum Integration

- Community Involvement

- Administrative Support

- Innovation

- Overall

Closing Remarks

Thank you Long Key Nature Center for hosting the P3 Eco-Challenge Awards Ceremony!



About Long Key Natural Area & Nature Center: At 164.8 acres, this site is one of the largest natural areas managed by Broward County Parks and Recreation. As recently as a century ago this elevated oak hammock was part of a series of islands surrounded by Everglades marshes. Long Key encompasses some of the most significant archaeological, historical, and ecological resources in the county, as the area was inhabited by the ancient Tequestas and the more modern Seminoles.

Long Key's magnificent live oak hammock has served as an important habitat for wildlife and is one of the largest remaining stands of upland hardwood forest in Broward County. Typical trees found in the hardwood forest include live oak, red bay, paradise tree, strangler fig, and the occasional cabbage palm and gumbo limbo. Among the diverse plants you can see are many species of epiphytic bromeliads and ferns that abundantly line the limbs of the oaks. Additional features include a 14-acre orange grove, a remnant of a once-active citrus industry; restored wetland marshes, which have become a haven for a variety of migratory and resident birds; several man-made ponds and canals; and an active bird roost/rookery. The site is also a refuge for butterflies and a variety of mammals, including foxes and bobcats.



More information on this park can be found at [**broward.org/Parks**](http://broward.org/Parks)





SHANNON ESTENOZ:

Shannon Estenoz, Director of Everglades Restoration Initiatives, United States Department of Interior, was appointed by former Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar in November, 2012. A Florida native and resident of Plantation, Estenoz holds degrees in civil engineering and international affairs and has more than a decade of experience in restoring the Everglades. She has served in appointed positions under Florida Governors Lawton Chiles, Jeb Bush and Charlie Crist, with her most recent service as a member of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District. In that capacity she chaired the South Florida Water Management District's Water Resources Advisory Commission and the Broward Water Resources Task Force.



ROXANNE NERSESIAN PAUL:

Roxanne Nersesian Paul is the Senior Coordinator for Community & Volunteer Outreach at the National Wildlife Federation and has been managing the Community Wildlife Habitat program since 2005. She was an NWF volunteer for 11 years before joining the staff in 1999. Roxanne holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resources from Cornell University and was formerly a National Park Service Ranger. She now serves on the state board for the Virginia Native Plant Society. A big believer in getting kids outdoors, she is the proud mother of three Eagle Scouts.

EMCEE JIM JACKSON:

Mr. Jim Jackson is the former host and executive producer of "Radio Green Earth", a syndicated weekly radio program and new service website focusing on Florida's natural life and the major environmental issues that affect Floridians. Mr. Jackson is now a guide specializing in natural and political history on the Loxahatchee River, the Indian River Lagoon, Lake Worth Lagoon and Everglades Wilderness Expeditions.



Administrators

Sherry Bees
Sherry Rose
Tina Recchi
Wanda Ross
Jack Vesey

Educators - Elementary

Keri Porter
Eileen Santiago
Lynn Walsh

Educators - Middle

Glory Andreolas
Linda Gancitano
Jerilyn Habernicht
Elaine Heyler
Barbara Humphreys
Heath Martin
Debbie Stasiw

Educators - High

Junco Gustavo
Cynthia Joseph
Pamela Krauss
Carlotta Rody

Student - Elementary

Jetty Porter

Students - Middle

Ryan Davis
Brenda Ruiz/Julianne Lee
Julia Severance
Melanie Smith
Dreyton Thomas

Students - High

Andre Lindsay
Jeroen Poelstra
Jonathan Lo
Kaithlynn Ramirez
Kyle Guske

Volunteers

Emilio Acosta
Christine Cury
Kristen Hoss
Susan Pritz Kebsch

**All Categories –
Elementary Schools**

Deerfield Beach Elementary
School
Indian Trace Elementary
School
Lake Forest Elementary
School
Maplewood Elementary
School

Silver Ridge Elementary
School

**All Categories - Middle
Schools**

Deerfield Beach Middle
School
Driftwood Middle School
Lauderdale Lakes Middle
School
Pioneer Middle School
Ramblewood Middle School

Other School Categories

Challenger Elementary
School
Flamingo Elementary School
Griffin Elementary School
Sanders Park Elementary
School
Apollo Middle School
Crystal Lake Middle School
Walter C Young Middle
School
South Plantation High School
West Broward High School



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Congratulations to the Winners of the Broward P3 Eco-Challenge Awards!

National Wildlife Federation applauds the efforts of Broward County schools, administrators, teachers, students and volunteers to promote and carry out green initiatives and environmental stewardship in Broward County Schools. Because of your efforts, Broward County schools have become a national model for sustainability.

National Wildlife Federation's education efforts annually reach over 5 millions students through a combination of programs including the children's publications *Ranger Rick* and *Ranger Rick Jr.*, Schoolyard Habitats®, Eco-Schools USA, Trees for Wildlife and Young Reporters for the Environment.

For more information about the National Wildlife Federation and its educational programs, please visit nwf.org.





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