

DUVAL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Serving Duval County, Florida

2018 Conservation Teacher of the Year

The education programs that the Duval Soil and Water Conservation District help to build and fund are some of the most important projects we do all year. Through the Envirothon, Speech Contest, Poster Contest, and Land Judging, we are able to annually reach hundreds of students in K-12 with conservation information. Not only do these educational programs attract interested students through extra-curricular school programs, but they also fulfill the mission of the board by educating future generations of stewards to our land.

The District recognizes the outstanding educators who are preparing the next generation for conservation. The **Conservation Teacher of the Year** award honors the work of any K-12 teacher in Duval County (public, private or charter) who has been involved in both *education* and *action* during the past year. The ideal candidate is a principled conservationist who educates students on natural resource conservation practices and initiates student action in their community or school in order to improve quality of life for Duval County residents.

Criteria

EDUCATION

- Demonstrates professionalism, principle, conviction and commitment
- Utilizes the District's educational programs (Envirothon, Speech Contest, Poster Contest, or Land Judging) to educate students on natural resource conservation practices
- Demonstrates how the District's programs enhance student learning outcomes

ACTION

- Initiates student action on a conservation cause in the community or school which addresses a specific environmental need
- Ensures student action can be sustained over time and has funding in place (if needed)
- Partners with the community to increase the overall impact and awareness of conservation
- Reports specific, measurable benefits to the community or the environment from the student action
- Documents student action in photos, videos, podcasts, or other innovative audio/visuals

Preference will be given to teachers whose students produce creative, unique or innovative solutions and to teachers who overcome special challenges in their efforts.

All Duval County teachers who have participated in one of the District's programs during the last year will be considered for recognition as our **Conservation Teacher of the Year**.

Recognition

The winner will be announced in early July and will be nominated for the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board's 2018 Annual Environmental Excellence Award, which seeks to highlight the accomplishments of an individual who has demonstrated leadership, creativity and commitment in support of the environment. The **Conservation Teacher of the Year** will also receive a \$250 cash award.

Learn more about the District's education programs at duvalsoilandwater.com/education!