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## **NEWS RELEASE – “WINNERS OF DISTRICT-WIDE RECYCLING CHALLENGE NAMED”**

To identify more opportunities to improve recycling efforts, The School District of Collier County recently formed a partnership with Collier County Solid Waste Management and The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Sunshine Recycling Services, Inc. And so was born the Collier County School Beverage Container Recycling Challenge. The challenge, which began in January, contained an embedded competition called "Recycle, We've Got Plans for Your Bottles and Cans." Staff and students from every school in the district battled for trophies, plaques, and certificates in the following categories: art, recycling videos, TV commercials, and school vs. school recycling.

**Art** – Winning art will be featured on the 2009 School Calendar. All participants receive a certificate.

- **Rachel Doty**, Palmetto Ridge High School (12<sup>th</sup> grade) – Teacher, Barbara Mundy.
- **Angela Vasquez**, Manatee Middle School (7<sup>th</sup> grade) – Teacher, Rosalind Donovan.
- **Tiffany Shadden**, Corkscrew Elementary School (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) – Teacher, Gloria Topczynski.

**Creative Recycling Videos** – Winner receives a plaque.

- **Immokalee High School** – Checkers hamburger cooking oil alternative to fuel school bus.

**Recycling TV Commercials** – Winners receive a plaque.

High School Division:

- 1st place – **Ryan Adams, Joey Comunale, and Weston Devine** of Gulf Coast High for "Haunted Moving Recycling Bottles" – Teacher, Scarlett Lavite.
- 2nd place – **Ryan Adams, Anthony Burgos, Michael Crabtree, and Travis Schold**, of Gulf Coast High for "Recycle Warriors" – Teacher, Scarlett Lavite.
- 3rd place – **Roger Alfonso, Chris Chaffee, Brian Milner, Jordan Pierce Owens, Ted Toth, and Carey Walker** of Golden Gate High for "Recycling News Cast" – Teacher, Margot Herman.

Middle School Division:

- 1st Place - **Nicole Burgess, Alex Duran, Thai Isaroskul, Sarah Lane, Josiah Mendez, Adline Metayer, and Salina Williams** of Manatee Middle for "Recycling Rappers" – Teacher, Sarah Bond.

**School vs. School Recycling** – Winners receive a traveling trophy. (Other schools and students will have a chance to win the recycling trophies and plaques next school year).

- **Lely High School**
- **Oak Ridge Middle School**
- **Lely Elementary School**

According to the school district's Director of Security and Environmental Management, Phillip Reid, "This Recycling Contest was an excellent example of The School District of Collier County's commitment to developing a new generation of environmentally responsible citizens of our planet."

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