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ART AND LANGUAGE ARTS CONTEST WINNERS RECEPTION

Winners of the 12th Environmental Awareness Art and Language Arts Contest enjoyed a reception at the Governor's Mansion in June. Alcoa representative Karen Ruhl and guest speaker Alex Appeaning addressed the winners and their families.

Thanks again to everyone who participated, and congratulations, winners, on your achievements.

Find a complete list of winners [here](#).

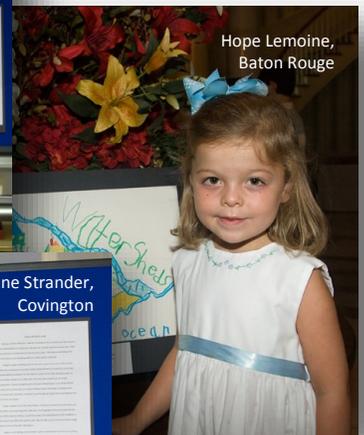


Winners in attendance pose on the Governor's Mansion steps.



Arianna Johnson,
Shreveport

Students pose next to their winning entries.



Hope Lemoine,
Baton Rouge



Shane Strander,
Covington



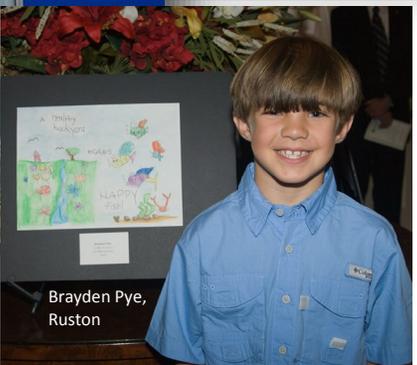
Maryann Yacoub,
New Orleans



Emilee King,
Amite



Amani McWain,
Ruston



Brayden Pye,
Ruston



Ta'Niya Hogan Green,
Shreveport



Aidan Primeaux,
Lake Charles

SEE ALL OF THE WINNING ENTRIES
THIS FALL WHEN WE PUBLISH OUR
2015 ENVIRONMENTAL
AWARENESS CALENDAR.

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TEACHERS' WORKSHOP: QUANTIFYING DEBRIS

Sixteen teachers from Louisiana, Texas, and Arkansas recently spent three days learning new ways to incorporate environmental education in their classroom activities. Quantifying Debris: A Marine Debris Workshop was held at McNeese State University, Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge and Rutherford Beach in Cameron Parish from June 25-27, 2014.

The action-packed workshop included lesson plan demonstrations, a visit to Rockefeller's alligator research facility, and a beach cleanup exercise aimed at teaching students the importance of stewardship while providing real-world opportunities to collect and study data.

The workshop was funded by a grant from EPA and hosted by the Louisiana Environmental Education Commission and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Facilitators included Venise Ortego, Carrie Salyers and Thomas Gresham of LDWF; Dianne Lindstedt of the Louisiana Sea Grant College Program; and Dinah Maygarden of the UNO Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences.



Rockefeller's Ryan King explained the wild alligator egg harvest process and showed teachers the incubation chambers.

Rainy weather didn't dampen the teachers' response to alligator hatchlings at Rockefeller's research facility.



Teachers identified and collected marine debris from a 350-meter stretch of beach in southern Cameron Parish.



After sorting, recyclable materials were bagged and transported to a local recycling facility.

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