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Horry County Solid Waste Authority Recognizes Recycling Student of the Year

CONWAY, SC - Every year the Solid Waste Authority honors one student in Horry County as the Recycling Student of the Year. This student demonstrates a positive influence in fulfilling the Solid Waste Authority's mission of Protecting Tomorrow's Environment Today while also participating in recycling activities at school and at home. Students in grades K-12 may apply, but only one student per school per year will be honored.

The Horry County Solid Waste Authority recognized the 2024 Recycling Student of the Year on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at Green Sea Floyds Elementary School. Kaislee Jane Blanton, a fourth grader, was awarded this honor and received a prize pack from the Horry County Solid Waste Authority valued at \$500, which included an electronic reading device, a medal, and fun, recycled content school supplies as well as a new t-shirt.

Kaislee is a true inspiration to her classmates, school, and community. She is a motivated student that encourages others to take responsibility to care for the earth. In her essay, Kaislee spoke of her passion for recycling and protecting the environment and said touring the SWA Landfill and Materials Recycling Facility has driven her to wholeheartedly indulge herself on influencing others to recycle at home, school and in the community. This is further evidenced through Kaislee's initiative to start a recycling club at her school as well as teaching her family members about recycling and the importance of composting. At school, she made educational posters, filmed an educational video on how to recycle as well as composed a letter to her principal asking her to consider composting. At home, she offered to wash the dishes after each meal to prevent using disposable utensils and plates. In the community, she convinced a local business to recycle as well as made signs for them. In her essay, Kaislee stated "Even though I'm young, I believe I can make a huge difference in this world". Kaislee is steadfast in her efforts to practice, promote and educate others on the three R's ~ Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. The Horry County Solid Waste Authority was honored to recognize Kaislee Jane Blanton as the 2024 Recycling Student of the Year.



2024 Recycling Student of the Year, Kaislee Jane Blanton, Green Sea Floyds Elementary

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