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## **Horry County Solid Waste Authority Recognizes Recycling Student of the Year**

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 2025 Recycling Student of the Year on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at the Earth Day event at Collins Park in Conway, SC. Katrina Drocella, an eighth 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.

Katrina 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, Katrina spoke of her passion for recycling and protecting the environment and said she educates others how to do the same at home, school and in the community every chance she gets. This is further evidenced through Katrina's leadership in Ocean Bay Middle School's Recycling Club. She believes in taking a stand for our environment and working hard towards building a better future. In her essay, Katrina stated "It is more crucial than ever to take action! Recycling is key and anything can be reused if you just try!". Katrina 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 Katrina Drocella as the 2025 Recycling Student of the Year.



2025 Recycling Student of the Year, Katrina Drocella, Ocean Bay Middle School

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