

13TH ANNUAL

2025 :::::

P3 Eco-Challenge Awards



Established 1915
BROWARD
County Public Schools



MAY 7, 2025 • LONG KEY NATURE CENTER

P3 Eco-Challenge 2025



The **Broward P3 Eco-Challenge** is a multi-divisional and organizational effort between **Broward County Public Schools (BCPS)**, **Broward County Natural Resources Division** and the **Environmental Conservation Organization**.

A P3 Committee, represented by members from these organizations was formed to create and implement this wonderful initiative to recognize and reward our schools, teachers, students, non-instructional and custodial staff for their many efforts to learn about and implement environmentally sustainable measures and green initiatives within our schools and communities.

There are two areas of recognition: The P3 School Challenge and the P3 Stewardship Recognition. The school challenge entails demonstrating participation in or implementation of different sustainability metrics based on a rubric composed of five comprehensive categories: School Grounds Enhancement, School Sustainability, Curriculum Integration, Community Involvement and Administrative Support.

The P3 Stewardship Recognition rewards teachers, students, non-instructional individuals and custodial staff who show evidence of promoting civic responsibility, environmental stewardship, and education of environmental issues. The metrics of this category include: Awareness and Involvement, Current Professional Development/Affiliation, Instructional Soundness/Creativity, and Skill Building.

P3 Committee

Broward County Natural Resources Division (BC NRD)

Monica Pognon, *Director, BC NRD*

Stefanie Chicko, *Assistant Director, BC NRD*

Vanessa Balta, *Water Conservation Manager, BC NRD*

Victor Suarez, Jordan Holaday and Karina Suarez

BC NRD Staff Members

BCPS Applied Learning Department

Susan Cantrick, *Director*

Dr. Lisa Milenkovic, *STEM+CS Supervisor*

Instructional Facilitators: Rebecca Malones, Summer Scarlatelli,

Sheryl Arriola, Cindy Griffin, Annmargareth Marousky, and

Nunderia Adderley

Environmental Conservation Organization

Dawn Miller-Walker, *Science Eye*

Andy Roberts, *Youth Environmental Alliance*

Robin Reccasina, *Sawgrass Nature Center and Wildlife Hospital*

AGENDA

P3 Eco-Challenge Awards Ceremony

Reception

Opening Remarks

Dr. JP KEENER
BCPS Secondary Science Supervisor
Master of Ceremonies

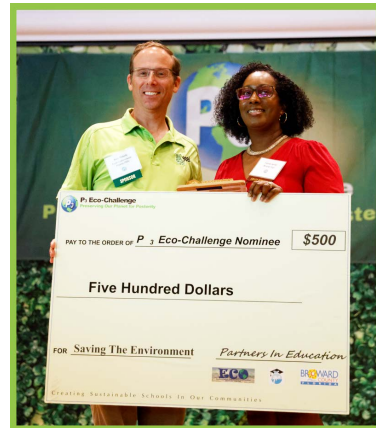
Welcome

Mayor BEAM FURR
Broward County Commission District 6

Senator STEVE GELLER
Broward County Commission District 5

Dr. JENNIFER JURADO
Broward County Chief Resilience Officer

MAURA MCCARTHY BULMAN
Broward County School Board District 1



Introduction

MONICA POGNON
Director, Broward County
Natural Resources Division

Recognition of All Stewards

DAWN MILLER-WALKER
Science Eye

ROBIN RECCASINA
Sawgrass Nature Center and
Wildlife Hospital

ANDY ROBERTS
Youth Environmental Alliance



School Awards

Dr. LISA MILENKOVIC
BCPS STEM + Computer Science
Supervisor

Closing Remarks

P3 Eco-Challenge 2025

Students

Davi Barbosa
(Crystal Lake Middle)

Bella Bolivar
(Silver Shores Elementary)

Radha Dandekar
(Central Park Elementary)

Om Dandekar
(Central Park Elementary)

Paris Daza
(Silver Palms Elementary)

Naila Dorvil
(Blanche Ely High)

Marie Francois
(Miramar High)

Zoe Hesler
(Liberty Elementary)

Riley Kenney
(Park Springs Elementary)

Pilar Reverte
(New River Middle)

Cameron Swenson
(Chapel Trail Elementary)

Custodial Staff

Lamprine Antonopoulos
(Nob Hill Elementary)

Unique Burke
(Royal Palm Elementary)

Carmen Madrigal Mora
(Central Park Elementary)

Yadre Pinzon
(New River Middle)

John Rachel
(Lauderdale Lakes Middle)

Audrey Turner
(Silver Trail Middle)

Aaron Wright
(Beachside Montessori)

Non-Instructional Staff

Christopher Austin
(Park Springs Elementary)

Timothy Marcus
(Ramblewood Elementary)

Elena Ninotti
(New River Middle)

Tammy Melton
(Central Park Elementary)

Aalyiah Mohammed
(Miramar High)

Geeta Persaud
(Floranada Elementary)

Noah Siegel
(Collins Elementary)

Lisa Smith
(Ramblewood Elementary)

Educators

Yitzchok (Isaac) Ben-ezri
(Sawgrass Springs Middle)

Marie Berlinger
(Central Park Elementary)

Grisel Berrios
(New River Middle)

Dae'Ja Crossman
(Miramar High)

Banesha Fenster
(Nova Middle)

Erika Gurk
(Sandpiper Elementary)

Diane Paillet
(Crystal Lake Middle)

Penelope Reinman
(Nob Hill Elementary)

Philip Schulte
(Pompano Beach Elementary)

Maritza Suarez
(Silver Palms Elementary)

Schools

Beachside Montessori Village
All Categories

Central Park Elementary
Categories 2, 3

Coconut Creek High
All Categories

Cooper City Elementary
Category 1

Coral Park Elementary
Categories 1, 3

Dave Thomas Education
Center West
Category 1

Davie Elementary
Category 1

Driftwood Middle
Category 3

Floranada Elementary
Categories 1, 4

Griffin Elementary
All Categories

Miramar High
Category 5

New River Middle
All Categories

Nob Hill Elementary
Category 1

Park Springs Elementary
Categories 1, 4

Sandpiper Elementary
Category 1

Sawgrass Springs Middle
Categories 1, 4

Silver Shores Elementary
Category 1

Silver Trail Middle
Category 1

South Plantation High
Category 1

Thank you Long Key Nature Center for hosting the P3 Eco-Challenge Awards Ceremony!



About **Long Key Natural Area & Nature Center**: At 164.8 acres, this site is one of the largest natural areas managed by Broward County Parks and Recreation. As recently as a century ago this elevated oak hammock was part of a series of islands surrounded by Everglades marshes. Long Key encompasses some of the most significant archaeological, historical, and ecological resources in the county, as the area was inhabited by the ancient Tequestas and the more modern Seminoles.

Long Key's magnificent live oak hammock has served as an important habitat for wildlife and is one of the largest remaining stands of upland hardwood forest in Broward County. Typical trees found in the hardwood forest include live oak, red bay, paradise tree, strangler fig, and the occasional cabbage palm and gumbo limbo. Among the diverse plants you can see are many species of epiphytic bromeliads and ferns that abundantly line the limbs of the oaks. Additional features include a 14-acre orange grove, a remnant of a once-active citrus industry; restored wetland marshes, which have become a haven for a variety of migratory and resident birds; several man-made ponds and canals; and, an active bird roost/rookery. The site is also a refuge for butterflies and a variety of mammals, including foxes and bobcats.



Southeast Regional Envirothon



The **Southeast Regional Envirothon** is an annual competition in which high school teams demonstrate their knowledge of environmental science and natural resource management.

The competition is centered on five universal testing categories: Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Soil & Land Use, Wildlife and a Current Issue topic that changes every year. Winners from the regional competition advance to the Florida Envirothon, and then the state winner advances to the international event, NCF Envirothon, that includes the U.S.A., Canada, China and Singapore. All three levels have cash awards and other prizes. Visit www.eco-tan.org for more information about participating in the next regional Envirothon on February 18, 2026.

P3 Eco-Challenge 2025



There's Only One Everglades and Only One Way to See it!

EVERGLADES HOLIDAY PARK®

CONGRATULATIONS!
THANK YOU FOR GOING GREEN AND MAKING THE EVERGLADES A BETTER PLACE FOR EVERYONE!

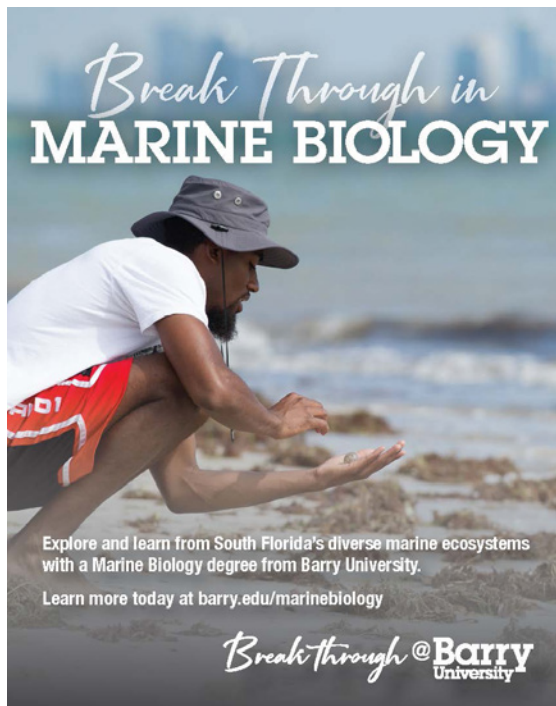
\$4 OFF ADULT
\$2 OFF CHILD

*** EVERGLADES AIRBOAT TOUR, GATOR SHOW AND 1 FREE PROFESSIONAL GROUP PHOTO!**

Must present offer. Not valid with other offers. 1 group photo per party. Excludes VIP pickup & Animal Encounters. Children ages 3-11. Limited time offer. P3 Eco Challenge

www.EvergladesHolidayPark.com
Park Info: 954-434-8111
21940 Griffin Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33332

BROWARD COUNTY
COUNTY OF DADE
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH



Break Through in
MARINE BIOLOGY

Explore and learn from South Florida's diverse marine ecosystems with a Marine Biology degree from Barry University.

Learn more today at barry.edu/marinebiology

Break through @ **Barry University**



SIERRA CLUB
BROWARD GROUP

Learn more about us!

Join our Junior Team!

BROWARD COUNTY FLORIDA LIBRARY

What will **YOU** create today?

CREATION STATION

Broward.org/Library/Pages/CreationStation.aspx

It's Spring!

Get off the sofa. Put down the phone.
Go out and do something.

BROWARD COUNTY FLORIDA PARKS AND RECREATION

Broward.org/Parks

P3 Eco-Challenge 2025

Hazen extends its congratulations to all the award recipients of the 13th Annual P₃ Eco-Challenge.



Hazen engages the next generation of environmental engineers and scientists by supporting STEM events and engineering competitions.

If you're trusted to protect public health or the environment, we can help.

Hazen all things water®

Hazenandsawyer.com

**THE CLEO®
INSTITUTE**
MORE CLIMATE CRISIS. LESS FLORIDA



THE CLEO INSTITUTE
**CLIMATE
RESILIENT
SCHOOLS**

Ready to learn? Since 2012, our Climate Resilient Schools program has led climate education and professional development for students & K-12 educators for a more resilient community. Sign up for our newsletter today!



<https://bit.ly/CLEONewsLetter>



Through informed community engagement and collaboration with leaders across sectors, CLEO empowers Floridians to take action for a more **climate-resilient future.**

STAY IN TOUCH



305-573-5251
info@cleoinstitute.org
<https://cleoinstitute.org/>



CONGRATULATIONS

to the P3 Eco Challenge
Recipients!



C A M P

Live Oak

Nonprofit 501(c)(3)



954.563.4880
www.CampLiveOakFl.com

P3 Eco-Challenge 2025

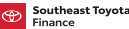


INSPIRING ACTION.

CREATING IMPACT.



Our Family of Companies:



See our associates in action.

Visit jmfamil.com/our-impact

#JMFamilImpact



SAFETY



INTEGRITY



CUSTOMER SERVICE



#FPLCares

At **Florida Power & Light Company** we are **working together with the communities we serve** to make Florida an even better place to raise a family and do business.




Keeping our waterways clean
for 49 years with your help

waterwaycleanup.org/scholarship-opportunities



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL NOMINEES.

The South Florida Audubon is
proud to be a long-time sponsor
of STEM Education in Broward
County Schools.



South Florida
AUDUBON SOCIETY

BrowardAudubon.org



Looking to integrate
environmental education in
your K-12 classroom?

The Green Schools Challenge provides:

- *Engaging lessons for students*
- *Professional Development for educators*
- *Mini grants for school projects*

The program is free and supports the P3 Challenge!



A whole-system program that engages students in hands-on activities to save energy and water at school and teaches them about the links between natural resources, climate change and community sustainability.



dreaminggreen.org



786-574-4909



info@dreaminggreen.org





FLORIDA
Agriculture
IN THE CLASSROOM

**PROMOTE AG
BUY A TAG**



**TO LEARN
MORE, VISIT
AGTAG.ORG**



**\$20 of each plate sale supports
agricultural education**



**The National Wildlife Federation Salutes
the Broward P3 Eco-Challenge Honorees!**



NWF
eco
schools
u.s.

NWF
schoolyard
habitats

NWF applauds the efforts of students, teachers, administrators, and volunteers to carry out environment-based initiatives supporting community well-being, resource conservation, and wildlife protection.

Learn more about the National Wildlife Federation's education programs <https://www.nwf.org/Educational-Resources/Education-Programs>.

P3 Eco-Challenge 2025



Broward Youth Climate Summit



For our future

The **Broward Youth Climate Summit** provides a platform for BCPS students in grades 5-12 to advocate for policy change and gives students a voice for promoting environmental sustainability.

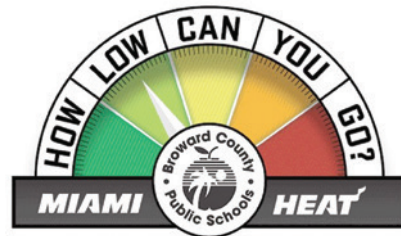
Students at the summit attend breakout sessions with environmental experts, network with our community partners and share their yearly environmental research topic.

Browardschools.com/youthclimatesummit



'How Low Can You Go?' Initiative

Miami HEAT teams up with schools to reduce energy and water consumption via the *How Low Can You Go* Initiative.



In partnership with the Miami Heat, schools are challenged to find innovative ways to reduce your school's carbon footprint in a 3-month period compared to previous years. Recognized by the White House, National Geographic, NOAA, and the NBA during Green Week as a highly effective and innovative model to reduce energy, water and food waste.

For more information and to participate in this challenge, visit **www.howlowcanyougochallenge.com**

Summer Environmental Teacher Workshops

Register via LAB

6/13/25 NatureScape

6/9/25 Gardening 101

6/10/25 Gardening 202

6/9 - 10/25 Farm Beats for AI and Data Science

6/16-18/25 Broward Habitat Stewards

6/10/25 Everglades Literacy K5

6/11/25 Everglades Literacy K12



HISTORY
FORT LAUDERDALE



**VISIT
US**

- Self-Guided Tours
- Guided Tours
- Research & Archives

Thursday-Monday
10AM-4PM



P₃ Eco-Challenge

Preserving Our Planet for Posterity



IKEA Sunrise



BCPS Environmental Stewardship
browardschools.com



Natural Resources Division
broward.org/NaturalResources



Environmental Conservation Organization
Environmental Conservation Organization
eco-tan.org

Funding for the P3 Eco-Challenge Award Ceremony is provided in part by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners As recommended by the Broward County Natural Resources Division.
An equal opportunity employer and provider of services. 100 copies of this public document were promulgated at a gross cost of \$360.00 and \$3.60 per copy to promote the P3 Eco-Challenge.