



Press Release

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Students Recognized for Outstanding Energy Projects

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WHO: America’s most energy educated students and their energized teachers
WHAT: The National Youth Awards for Energy Achievement
WHERE: Washington, D.C., June 26-29, 2009

Washington, D.C. -- From kids teaching kids about energy sources at Nevada to students facilitating energy education workshops in Kentucky . teachers and students have been busy educating their peers, teachers and community leaders about energy this year! The work of these students and teachers is of particular importance in a time of growing national dialogue about energy and the future of American energy.

Schools involved in the energy education programs of the National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project submit portfolios of their classroom and public education programs to NEED each April. Submissions to NEED include projects that have been selected as Best in State by NEED state affiliates. NEED is pleased to announce the following national award winners:

Primary Level

Huntingdon Primary School	TN	Primary School of the Year
Central College Magnet School	OH	Primary Finalist
Mt. Salus Christian School	MS	Primary Finalist

Elementary Level

A.K. Suter Elementary School	FL	Elementary School of the Year
Frank C. Whiteley Elementary School	IL	Elementary Rookie of the Year
John F. Kennedy Elementary School	MI	Elementary Finalist
James A. Caywood Elementary	KY	Elementary Finalist
Annehurst Elementary School	OH	Elementary Finalist
Madawaska Elementary School	ME	Elementary Rookie Finalist
Ogden Elementary School	NC	Elementary Rookie Finalist

Junior Level

St. isidore School	NE	Junior School of the Year
West Carroll Elementary School	TN	Junior School of the Year
La Mariposa Montessori	NM	Junior Rookie of the Year
St. Margaret Catholic School	LA	Junior Finalist
Park View Middle School	RI	Junior Finalist
Heritage Middle School	OH	Junior Finalist
Ashland Community High School	ME	Junior Rookie Finalist

Senior Level

Fayette Academy	TN	Senior School of the Year
Indianapolis Met High School	IN	Senior Rookie of the Year
William Henry Harrison High School	OH	Senior Finalist
Scituate High School	RI	Senior Finalist
Russell Area Technology Center	KY	Senior Finalist

Special Project

Sumner County 4-H	TN	Special Project of the Year
West Clermont Local Schools	OH	Special Project Rookie of the Year
Mountain View Elementary School	TN	Special Project Finalist
McMinn Central Go Green Project	TN	Special Project Finalist
Westerville City Schools	OH	Special Project Finalist

The energy projects are planned and implemented by students for students to educate their peers and communities about energy -- the science, the sources, the uses, and energy efficiency.

The NEED Project is a national nonprofit organization. NEED develops and delivers innovative energy curriculum and teacher training materials. NEED programs teach about energy and also develop leadership and critical thinking skills. NEED's *Kids Teaching Kids* philosophy encourages students to take responsibility for their own learning and that of others. NEED is sponsored by both renewable and nonrenewable energy companies, federal, state and local agencies, energy consumers and by national and state energy and education associations.

The National Awards Review Panel, composed of leaders from the energy, education, and government sectors, met on April 29, 2009, to review more than 60 projects that had previously been judged *Best in State* by NEED's regional and state offices.

Representatives from the winning schools will be recognized at the National Recognition Ceremonies June 26-29 in Washington, D.C.

For more information about the NEED Project and the Awards Program or any of the awards mentioned here, please call Mary E. Spruill at (703) 257-1117, fax at (703) 257-0037 or via email to mspruill@need.org or visit:

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