



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WVDEP announces Environmental Teachers of the Year, Clean County and Community Award recipients

Montgomery receives Clean Community Award grand prize

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Nov. 6, 2019) – The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) recently recognized four educators as “Environmental Teachers of the Year” and announced the recipients of the “Clean County and Clean Community Awards.”

The awards were presented at the Annual Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP)/Association of West Virginia Solid Waste Authorities Joint Conference at Canaan Valley Resort State Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

The Environmental Teachers of the Year are:

- Elementary: Meghan Salter and Ann Henry (cowinners for collaborative effort), Martha Elementary in Cabell County
- Intermediate: Stephanie Diamond, Charles Town Middle School in Jefferson County
- High School: Brittany Bauer, Wyoming East High School in Wyoming County

Each award winner will receive a \$500 personal award and a \$1,000 award to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education in the classroom.

-More-

CLEAN COUNTY AWARD

The two counties recognized as Clean Counties are:

- Greenbrier County Solid Waste Authority (\$2,000 first place award)
- Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority (\$1,000 second place award)

CLEAN COMMUNITY AWARD

The five municipalities recognized as Clean Communities are:

- Montgomery, Fayette/Kanawha County (\$500 grand prize)
- Beech Bottom, Brooke County
- Hamlin, Lincoln County
- New Cumberland, Hancock County
- Ravenswood, Jackson County

The grand prize winners also received a glass award, while other winners received signs designating their community as a Make It Shine Clean Community.

For more WVDEP news and information, go to www.dep.wv.gov. Also, connect with the agency on all social media platforms. Follow [@DEPWV](https://twitter.com/DEPWV) on Twitter, Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/depwv/>, and find us on YouTube by searching “[Environment Matters.](#)”

###