



Weston High School Honored Among 2019 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools

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Director of the Campaign for Environmental Literacy James L. Elder and Manager of the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council, Phoebe Beierle joined Assistant U.S. Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education Frank Brogan and Acting Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Neil A. Jacobs today to congratulate Weston High School on their achievements at a ceremony at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C.

Weston High School was nominated by Laurel Kohl, former project director of the Connecticut Green LEAF Schools. Weston High School was represented at the ceremony by Assistant Principal Matthew Filip, Environmental Science Teacher Michael Aitkenhead, and Green Team Co-Presidents Collin Socha and Graham Fay.

At the event, 35 schools and 14 districts were honored for their innovative efforts to reduce environmental impact and costs, promote better health, and ensure effective environmental education. In addition, four colleges and universities were honored with the Postsecondary Sustainability Award. A state education official was also recognized for his efforts to advance school sustainability in the state of Minnesota. Representatives from selectees received sustainably crafted plaques in recognition of their achievements.

The honorees were named from a pool of candidates nominated by 28 states. The selectees include 25 public schools, including three magnet schools and two charter schools, as well as 10 nonpublic schools. Over a third of the 2019 honorees serve a disadvantaged student body.

View the [list](#) of all selected schools and districts and [summaries](#) of each of the 53 honorees. More information on the federal recognition award can be found [here](#). Resources for all schools to meet the criteria for the award can be found [here](#).

