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## Six schools honored for outstanding participation in Green 60

*Two-week environmental activism campaign was led by Baltimore County Student Councils*

Towson, MD – Six schools were honored in the inaugural “Green 60: Our Planet, Our Home” interschool challenge coordinated by the Baltimore County Student Councils (BCSC) Environmental Committee.

The following schools were honored on May 18 for their outstanding participation:

- **Hillcrest Elementary School**, teacher coordinator: Mary Beth Capka
- **Pleasant Plains Elementary School**, teacher coordinator: Megan McFadden
- **Catonsville Middle School**, teacher coordinator: Aaron Sporik
- **Cockeysville Middle School**, teacher coordinator: Autumn DeBorde
- **Eastern Technical High School**, teacher coordinator: Jen Brager
- **Towson High School**, teacher coordinator: Holly West

The challenge, held April 12 – 23, encouraged students to earn points for their schools by participating in sustainable practices. Images from the [Green 60 website](#) show students from the honored schools packing/eating waste-free lunches, recycling, picking up trash, making art with natural and recycled materials, having tech-free classroom time, using natural light only in classrooms, turning off lights at home, making signs and posters to encourage sustainable practices, and planting gardens. Photos from most of the award presentations can be found on the [BCPS Flickr account](#).

Each winning school received a banner highlighting its outstanding participation, a certificate of participation, and reusable sporks for the students who participated. All other schools received a certificate of participation.

“I am so shocked that a really vague idea I had back in 2019 became such an amazing endeavor to coordinate, plan and just have fun with,” said Meghna Chandrasekaran, BCSC environmental affairs director and environmental committee chair and a graduating senior at Western School of Technology.

“I didn't expect the amount of participation we had with over 700 entries from schools, and it just made me hopeful that the future student leaders are rising.”

“I am so proud of our student leaders for organizing this challenge, and for students and schools across the county for participating,” said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams. “Our students repeatedly demonstrate their understanding of civic responsibility and the power of the individual to make a meaningful difference.”

“Next year,” Chandrasekaran added, “I can see the participation doubling, especially when most students are back in their school buildings. I have planned many exciting in-person activities for Green 60 to connect feeder elementary and middle schools with their high schools to promote environmental leadership. I am excited to see how Green 60 will progress in the upcoming years and stay as a tradition for Baltimore County Public Schools.”

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