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ecoAmerica's National Broadcast to Honor Climate Champions on April 16
\$200,000 awarded to local changemakers and rising youth leaders

Washington, DC — Registration is open for the 2025 [American Climate Leadership Awards](#) (ACLA), hosted by ecoAmerica. This free, virtual broadcast on Wednesday, April 16, will celebrate the nation's top climate advocates and reveal the recipients of over **\$200,000 in awards, including a \$50,000 top honor.**

Join us for powerful stories of commitment, action, and hope from 10 general finalists and 9 youth leaders driving real change in communities across America.

See the full list of finalists below and sign up to watch live or receive the link to view later:

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Finalists (General Category)

- Britt Wray – CIRCLE at Stanford Psychiatry (CA)
- Change is Simple – Environmental Education (MA)
- City of Savannah – Office of Sustainability (GA)
- Climate Generation – Youth & Educator Engagement (MN)
- Denver Public Schools – Sustainability Initiatives (CO)
- Janice Evans Hawkins – Old Dominion University (VA)
- NH Healthy Climate – Pediatric Care (NH)
- Smiley Audio Media – Climate-focused Media and Podcasting (NY)
- St. Peter's Episcopal Church – Fernandina Beach, FL
- The University of California Center for Climate, Health, and Equity (CA)

Youth Finalists

- Alexia Leclercq – Environmental Justice Activist (TX)
- Bay Area Youth Climate Summit – Youth-led Conference and Organizing (CA)
- Carolyn He – Project Green Schools (MA)
- Jewish Youth Climate Movement (JYCM) chapter at Golda Och Academy (NJ)
- Pencil 2 Planet – Youth Climate Education Program (CA)
- Prairie Restoration Crew – St. Mark's School of Texas (TX)
- SEI Climate Corps – Youth Workforce Development (CA)
- Siddhan Shah – Quest Science Center (CA)

- Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action (CA)

Nationally Celebrated Judges and Hosts

- Xiye Bastida – Youth Climate Justice Activist
- Aishah-Nyeta Brown – Climate Storyteller
- Jerome Foster II – Youth Climate Justice Leader
- Jeff Goodell – Celebrated Climate Author and Journalist
- Vanessa Hauc, News Anchor/Director, Telemundo
- Graham Hill – The Carbonauts
- Margaret Klein Salamon, PhD – Climate Expert
- David Pogue – Climate Columnist, NY Times; TV Host, CBS
- Alexandria Villaseñor – US Youth Climate Strike Movement

Media Opportunities

Finalists and judges are available for interviews before and after the broadcast. For bios, photos, local press angles, or to schedule interviews, contact: Press@ecoAmerica.org.

EVENT DETAILS

What: 2025 American Climate Leadership Awards Broadcast

When: April 16, 2025, 1PM ET

Where: Online (registration required)

Cost: Free

[Register to Watch](#) (Can't join live? Sign up and we'll send you the recording.)

About ecoAmerica

ecoAmerica moves society toward climate solutions by engaging and supporting trusted national institutions to inspire and empower their millions of members in local communities across America to visibly act and advocate for ambitious, just, climate mitigation, resilience, and restoration. Learn more at ecoAmerica.org.