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ecoAmerica Celebrates 2025 American Climate Leadership Award Winners

Media Interviews Now Available with Honorees Driving Climate Solutions Nationwide

ecoAmerica unveiled the recipients of the 2025 [American Climate Leadership Awards](#) (ACLA), honoring exceptional individuals and organizations leading the charge for climate action across the United States. The April 16 awards ceremony recognized trailblazers in both the General and Youth categories and distributed **more than \$200,000** to support their impactful work.

ACLA is the nation's premier recognition program for climate leadership, celebrating those making measurable impacts in their communities. This year's finalists each demonstrated outstanding commitment to building a sustainable and equitable future.

You can watch the full 2025 **American Climate Leadership Awards** broadcast [HERE](#).

Media Opportunities

ecoAmerica is offering opportunities to schedule interviews with the 2025 ACLA winners and finalists. These conversations provide insights into the innovative approaches and community-driven efforts that are propelling climate solutions nationwide. **Contact:** Press@ecoAmerica.org

Here are our winners, finalists, and nationally recognized judges:

Finalists (General Category)

- **Winner:** Change is Simple – Environmental Education (MA)
- **Runner-Up:** Britt Wray – CIRCLE at Stanford Psychiatry (CA)
- 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

- **Winner:** 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

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.

Note to Editors

High-resolution images and detailed bios of awardees are available upon request.