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Forty-Eight South Florida Schools Honored for Going Green and Saving more than \$435,000 in Energy Costs

MIAMI, May 20, 2010 -- Dream in GreenSM, a South Florida nonprofit, honored forty-five Miami-Dade and three Broward County elementary, middle and senior high schools that participated in the 2009/10 Green Schools Challenge Thursday, May 20, 2010.

To meet the environmental challenges of today we need everyone involved. To this end, the Green Schools Challenge was developed to engage students, teachers, parents, and staff from each of the participating schools to save energy, conserve water, recycle, and mitigate carbon emissions. Using a standardized curriculum, teachers complement class instruction with learning about climate change and environmental sustainability. This learning is combined with hands-on energy and waste reduction activities at their schools, homes, and in the broader community.

And the results this year were amazing. The forty-eight schools in the Green Schools Challenge saved more than \$435,000, conserved over a million kilowatt hours of electricity and recycled thousands of pounds of paper, plastic, and aluminum, mitigating more than three and a half million pounds of carbon dioxide.

But just as important, the Green Schools Challenge provided support and recognition to green teachers, students and administrative champions at each school – the people who are truly making a difference.

To honor each of the participating schools, Dream in Green awarded each school with its own “GreenometerSM,” which displays each school’s overall reduction in greenhouse gas emissions for the 2009/10 school year. Dream in Green also presented cash prizes to the top ten carbon-reducing schools. This year’s 1st place winner was Rockway Middle School, in second place was David Lawrence, Jr. K-8 Center and in 3rd place was MAST Academy.

CBS4 Weather Anchor, Lissette Gonzalez, hosted the awards ceremony, which was held at the law offices of Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A. in downtown Miami.

Dream in GreenSM is a South Florida non-profit that mobilizes our community to collectively respond to challenges faced by global climate change and energy security. Dream in Green works to reduce energy and waste, conserve water, and mitigate carbon emissions within our community’s schools, homes, and businesses. Dream in Green’s programs emphasize education and collective behavioral changes.

About Dream in Green

Dream in Green was founded to aid the public and private sectors in the response to mounting environmental and energy challenges. Dream in Green believes that our society’s dependence on fossil fuels is dangerous, unsustainable and a gathering threat to our civilization. Dream in Green seeks partnerships with individuals, schools, businesses and governments for the purpose of reducing fossil fuel dependency, greenhouse gas emissions and waste through a multi-pronged approach including conservation, energy efficient technology and renewable energy. Dream in Green is a proud member of the Green Commission of the City of Miami.

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