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DIRECTORS NOTES: "TEAMWORK IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS"

Steve Jobs was once quoted regarding the reason for the success of Apple. His immediate response was, "Great Things are never done by one person. They are done by a TEAM of people". After reading this statement, I immediately thought of many successful people, businesses, organizations, sports teams and others that have been successful over my lifetime. It is true! None of the names that I could think of would have been successful without a TEAM made up of dedicated, goal oriented, hard working, positive and supportive individuals that are working together for the good of the respective team's mission.

It also describes your organization, Alabama PALS. Since the inception of Alabama PALS, your organization has been blessed with Board of Directors leadership, a dedicated support staff, committed county leaders, statewide volunteer groups, state agencies, legislative support, Corporate Sponsors and Partners that have built a TEAM that describe Steve Jobs statement perfectly. Each of you are to be honored and commended for this truism, as you continue to be the reason that Alabama PALS continues to grow, effectively implement and support the many statewide programs that will continue to enhance the beauty and quality of life for all Alabamians.

2023 has been a year of growth for Alabama PALS, with the number of participants statewide growing in every program offered through the PALS organization. The Alabama Adopt A Mile program under the leadership of Christy Waddell, and the Alabama Clean Campus program led by Jamie Mitchell are growing at the fastest rate in the history of Alabama PALS. This doesn't just happen! It happens due to the hard work and dedication of these PALS team members. Thank you Jamie and Christy for your enthusiasm, day to day work ethic, and a true commitment to the TEAM as a whole.

I also want to thank the members of the Alabama PALS Board of Directors for their ongoing support, sincere dedication, and the true belief in the mission of Alabama PALS. In my opinion, PALS has the most dedicated and supportive Board of Directors that I have ever known. Thank you for your leadership, confidence, and for your willingness to do what it takes to keep PALS growing for the future. You truly set the stage for making Alabama PALS a true TEAM.

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2023 ALABAMA PALS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Form/Application can be submitted online at alpals.org

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone # _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

☐ Sustaining Partner: \$500

☐ Sustaining Steward: \$ 250

☐ Litter Free Leader: \$100

☐ PALS Advocate: \$50

☐ PALS Partner: \$25

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ALABAMA PALS MISSION STATEMENT

"Alabama Communities Working
Together for A Cleaner and
More Beautiful Alabama"

THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

BY JEFF HELMS, CHAIRMAN, ALABAMA PALS

Recently, I was reading a draft article in which the author referred to Alabama PALS as "Partners Against a Littered State." I gently made the correction, noting our official name is People Against a Littered State. In doing so, however, I recognize we would be in bad shape without our partners!

At the top of that list are the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) and Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). We lean heavily on the support of these agencies in administering Adopt-A-Mile and Coastal Cleanup, respectively. Our relationships with ALDOT and ADCNR span decades, and we've formed personal friendships with many of their team members who share our passion for keeping Alabama beautiful.

We also appreciate our partnership with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), thanks to an annual appropriation from the General Fund budget. This year, the Legislature set aside \$200,000 for our anti-littering efforts, up \$50,000 from last year. We want to thank Gov. Kay Ivey and the General Fund budget chairs, Sen. Greg Albritton, R-Atmore, and Rep. Rex Reynolds, R-Huntsville, for their support in securing this much-needed funding.

Government grants and contracts, however, only provide a portion of the funds Alabama PALS needs to operate. Each year, we rely on sponsorships from sustaining and event partners. Major sponsors include Alabama Farmers Cooperative, Alfa Insurance, Coca-Cola United, Honda, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and Vulcan Materials. We also depend on the work and generosity of the Alabama Association of County Commissions to assist with materials distribution, and support during the annual "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Spring Cleanup.

Alabama PALS' most important partners, however, are our volunteers. Without you, there would be no Alabama PALS. From the students who care for their campuses and community groups who pick up trash along the road, to weekend warriors who turn out in force for Spring Cleanup and Coastal Cleanup — you are the heart and soul of Alabama PALS.

Together, we are People Against a Littered State, but we're also Partners in shaping a better, more beautiful Alabama.

Thank you!

—Jeff

MESSAGE FROM:

JOHN COOPER

Director, Alabama Department of Transportation

Alabama's summertime brings forth an array of outdoor activities, family vacations and social gatherings. It is important, now more than ever, that we remain steadfast in our efforts to preserve the natural beauty of Alabama and foster clean highways and byways throughout the state. Litter not only dulls our landscape but also poses a threat to our environment, wildlife and public health.

I always enjoy writing to those of you in the Alabama PALS family so allow me to take a moment to applaud the remarkable work you have accomplished. Your tireless dedication in organizing cleanup events, spreading awareness and

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

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PALS continues to be blessed with Corporate Sponsors and Partners, State Agencies and others that make the future of Alabama PALS a reality. The supportive TEAM of PALS Sustaining Sponsors and Partners, ALDOT, ADECA, ACDNR and our dedicated Alabama Coastal Cleanup Sponsors enable your organization to continue to make a positive impact in every corner of our great state. There are not words to describe the powerful impact that these supportive sponsors continue to make to support you, the programs of PALS, and the mission of a Cleaner and More Beautiful Alabama. Thank you for making the TEAM a reality.

Inside this issue, you will find the Nomination Forms for the 2023 Alabama PALS Governors Awards program, as well as the Nomination Forms for the 2023 Alabama Cleanup Campus Scholarship Awards program. Please take the time to nominate those in your respective areas. We look forward to having you and your guests at the Alabama PALS Governors Awards Program on November 8, 2023 in Montgomery.

As we approach the 2023 Alabama Coastal Cleanup, let me encourage you to take part in this special cleanup event. The Alabama Coastal Cleanup has truly become the most unique and effective coastal cleanup effort in the South. ADCNR/ State Lands/Coastal Section partners with PALS to coordinate and implement this annual effort. I want to thank the Poarch Band of Creek Indians for their continuing as our Presenting Sponsor, and our many dedicated and loyal Corporate Sponsors that make the Alabama Coastal Cleanup possible. Yep, another special part of a very SPECIAL TEAM!

In closing, thank you for your confidence, support, stewardship and friendship. And mostly, thank you for affording Alabama PALS to be a part of this special and dedicated TEAM that is truly Making a Difference.



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engaging the community has made a great impact on Alabama. You all have made significant strides in combating litter and giving us a sense of pride in our home.

As we venture into the summer, I offer everyone traveling to our sandy beaches and everyone who calls Alabama home to help us keep Alabama beautiful by:

1. Organizing Community Cleanups – Plan local clean up events in parks, neighborhoods and beaches. By reaching out we can amplify our impact on litter.
2. Educate and Inspire – Raise awareness about the consequences of littering. Let's inspire younger generations to become environmental stewards by inspiring values of respect for our environment.
3. Adopt-A-Mile – Participate in our Adopt-A-Mile program, making a long-term commitment to keeping a designated section of the roadway clean. This initiative provides an excellent opportunity to showcase community involvement.
4. Engage in Social Media – Utilize the power of social media to amplify our message. Share photos and videos of your cleanup efforts and inspire others to join our cause.

Remember, every small action counts. By leading through example, we can create a cleaner, more beautiful Alabama for generations to come.

PALS SUSTAINING CORPORATE SPONSORS



**The “Don’t Drop It On
Alabama” Spring Cleanup**

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Campus Program**

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MESSAGE FROM:

JAMIE MITCHELL – Clean Campus State Coordinator

As sweet summertime is winding down, all things back-to-school begin to appear everywhere we look! A back-to-school tradition here at Alabama PALS is mailing out our Clean Campus Applications to every school in the state. If you are a teacher or administrator, be on the lookout for this mailing in mid-August. Our application may also be found online under the Clean Campus Program tab, and schools may apply to be a part of the program under this tab.

The Clean Campus Program is designed to be a framework for schools to introduce environmental education that can either supplement what is already being done or can help create new ways to get students involved. I am available to visit any school in the state for a 30-minute presentation that meets “teacher standards” for environmental education, and I can also provide helpful information to schools when starting their programs. We provide trash bags for cleanups, fun handouts for teachers and students, and online curriculum ideas, as well.

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CLEAN CAMPUS PROGRAM PARTICIPATION FORM

Either fill out form and mail to Alabama PALS Attn: Jamie Mitchell

340 N. Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104 or apply online at www.alpals.org

Current Member? ____ Y or ____ N Circle One: City School County School Private School

City: _____ County: _____

Participating School: _____

Address: _____ + _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email for Contact Person: _____

Our school has reviewed the requirements for the Alabama PALS Clean Campus Program and is therefore applying to be a participating school in this statewide program.

Signed: _____ (Contact Person)

Date: _____ Phone: _____

PRINCIPAL PERMISSION

I, _____ (Principal), give consent for _____

school to participate in the Alabama PALS Clean Campus Program for the 2023-2024 school year.

Signed: _____ (Principal) Date: _____

ALABAMA ADOPT-A-MILE PARTICIPATION FORM

Please Complete and Return to The PALS Office
340 North Hull Street / Montgomery, AL 36104

Name of Participating Group _____

Name of Group or Individual on Sign _____

City _____ County _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email Address of Contact Person _____

State Highway Number _____ Federal Highway # _____ County Highway or Road # _____

Location of Sign: Mile Marker# _____ to Mile Marker # _____

_____ Currently Participating

_____ Not Participating at This time and want sign taken down

_____ Participating But Sign Needs Replacing or Repaired

Adopt-A-Mile Program Application for Highway Adoption - State/Federal

City _____

County _____

Applicant (Participating Organization) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Highway section(s) you propose to adopt:

(minimum of one mile)

State or U.S. Highway Number _____

Milepost Number _____ to Milepost Number _____

State or U.S. Highway Number _____

Milepost Number _____ to Milepost Number _____

Authorized Signature of Applicant

Recommended for Approval:

Approved: _____

District Engineer, Alabama Dept. of Transportation

Interested in "adopting"

Fill out application form and mail to:

Alabama PALS

340 North Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

Form/Application can be submitted
online at alpals.org

County Adopt-A-Mile Program Application for County Road Adoption

County _____

Applicant (Participating Organization) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Road section(s) you propose to adopt:

(minimum of one mile)

County Road Number _____

Milepost Number _____ to Milepost Number _____

County Road Number _____

Milepost Number _____ to Milepost Number _____

Authorized Signature of Applicant

Recommended Approval:

County Engineer

Chairman, County Commission

Approved: _____

District Engineer, Alabama Dept. of Transportation

Interested in "adopting"

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The Clean Campus Scrapbook Contest information can be found in this newsletter with applications due back in our office on October 6th. Please include pictures of cleanups, any campus beautification projects, recycling successes, or anything else that made your campus shine last school year. Remember, 1st prize is \$1,000, 2nd is \$750 and 3rd is \$500 for your school, so it is well worth the effort!

Please also enroll or renew your membership in the Clean Campus Program for the 2023-2024 school year. The program is completely free to all Alabama schools thanks to ALFA, the Alabama Farmer's Cooperative and Coca-Cola. Give me a call or email with any questions at (334) 263-7737 or jamie@alpals.org. More information may also be found at www.alpals.org.

There is so much momentum from last year headed into this school year! We are so excited to have returning and new schools be a part of our program. I hope to be visiting a school near you very soon!

MESSAGE FROM:

CHRISTY WADDELL

State Adopt-A-Mile Coordinator

The Adopt-A-Mile and Adopt-A-Stream programs are making great progress this year. We are so thankful for our dedicated volunteers who devote their time and energy to making Alabama a beautiful place to live. I encourage you to look around your area and see if there is a mile or stream that you could adopt. Encourage your neighbors, your family, and groups in your hometown to join us in the fight against litter.

GUNTERSVILLE LIONS CLUB



POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS



2023 Dates to Remember

July

Coastal Cleanup Sponsorships Due
All Supplies and Materials for Coastal Cleanup Ordered

July 26

Alabama PALS Board of Directors Meeting/
PALS Office

August

All Coastal Cleanup Supplies and Materials Completed

September

All Coastal Cleanup Supplies and Materials in House

September 11

Coastal Cleanup Supplies and Materials Delivered to 5 Rivers

September 14

Coastal Cleanup Materials Distribution Day

September 14

Coastal Cleanup Zone Captain/Sponsors/Staff Party 5 Rivers

September 16

36th Annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup

October 6

2023 Alabama PALS Governors Awards and Alabama Clean Campus Nomination Forms Due in PALS office

October

Judging of Governors Awards and Clean Campus Nominations

November 8

Alabama PALS Board of Directors Meeting (Renaissance Hotel/Montgomery)

November 8

2023 Alabama PALS Governors Awards Luncheon and Ceremony - 12 Noon (Renaissance Hotel/Montgomery)

**ALABAMA PALS/ALFA/AFC/COCA-COLA
CLEAN CAMPUS PROGRAM**

STATEWIDE COMPETITION

2022-2023 AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

NOTE: Scrapbooks are Encouraged

Name of Participating School _____

Address of School _____ County _____

Telephone (____) _____ - _____ Contact Person _____ Email Address for Contact: _____

Did Clean Campus Committee meet at least once each month to evaluate the progress of the program? _____

How many campus clean-up events did school have? _____

Did school participate in monthly campus litter pick up? _____

Did school hold campus cleanup in April to coincide with Alabama PALS Annual Spring Cleanup? _____

Does school participate in some form of environmental education program? _____

Does school participate in an ongoing recycling program? _____

First Place School – \$ 1,000.00 • Second Place School – \$750.00 • Third Place School – \$500.00
Nominate Your School Today!!!!!!

When answering the following questions, please attach additional sheets if necessary. Also, please attach any documentation (photos, etc.).

What was the single most important reason that your school made the decision to enroll in the Clean Campus Program? _____

What goals did you set for your school to achieve in the Clean Campus Program? _____

List all events held to promote the Clean Campus Program, include the date of each one. _____

How has participation in the Clean Campus Program influenced the student body and/or faculty? _____

What influence, if any, do you think that the school has had on the surrounding community since becoming a member of the Clean Campus Program. _____

Please give a brief (no more than 2 page) narrative explaining why your school should be selected to receive one of the scholarships.

All Nomination Forms and Attachments Are Due In The PALS Office by October 6, 2023!

TALLAPOOSA COUNTY

LITTER CURRICULUM ADDED TO WATER FESTIVAL

BY JAMIE MITCHELL

Every spring, several counties throughout the state welcome fourth-grade students to participate in their local water festivals. I have had the opportunity to work with many of these counties to incorporate litter prevention and removal as a part of their curriculum. We discuss how pollution and litter travels along ditches and streams, eventually ending up in our beautiful lakes, bays, and gulf.

This year, Tallapoosa County added the litter curriculum to their water festival and invited me to come speak to the participating students. I was able to speak to two large groups on two different days at the Wind Creek State Park on Lake Martin. We had two beautiful days that were just perfect to be outside learning about water and being surrounded by the beauty of Lake Martin. The students gathered around and listened while John Thompson with the Lake Martin Resource Association described various types

of litter that typically are found around the lake. My presentation came after Mr. Thompson's introduction where the students learned all about pollution and litter in water. We even had student helpers to conduct experiments showing the movement of pollution from one body of water to another by using food coloring and cups of water.

Water festivals are a great way to get students involved in litter prevention and cleanup! If you would like to add the anti-litter message to your local water festival or add anti-litter curriculum at your school, please visit www.alpals.org to learn more! You may also call or email to schedule a speaking session at (334) 263-7737 or jamie@alpals.org. Schools are always a great place to start with litter prevention and education through the Clean Campus Program. Alabama PALS programs are free to schools thanks to our state partnerships and corporate sponsors. 🌞



Trinity Presbyterian School

HONORING RETIRING TEACHERS

BY JAMIE MITCHELL

This month we are recognizing two schools that I have visited many times before and had the chance to visit again this spring ... Millry Elementary School in Washington County and Crestline Elementary School in Morgan County. Although these schools are on opposite ends of the state, they have something in common this year. The two ladies that I have worked with at these schools are both retiring, and we are thrilled for them, yet so sad to lose them at the same time!

Melanie Stokley is a lifelong resident of Washington County and retired as a school teacher many years ago. Melanie stayed very active in her community serving on the ALFA Women's Committee and attending many of the state's farming events, as well as being very active in her church and countless other activities! We were very fortunate that she took on the Clean Campus Program for the past 10 years and helped all the elementary schools in Washington County learn more about litter prevention and get involved in our contests. Under Melanie's leadership, students from Washington County participated and placed in our statewide contests for many years! I have told her many times that I wish I had a Melanie in every county! Melanie won the Don Hines Memorial Award in 2019 at the Alabama PALS Governor's Awards for outstanding volunteer work and leadership. She will be truly missed!



Barb Helton decided to retire at the end of the school year from Crestline Elementary in Hartselle. Barb is one of the most dynamic and committed teachers I have ever met. She has also run the Clean Campus Program at Crestline for the past 10 years and she, too, has had many contest winners under her leadership. With the exception of the COVID years, Barb had me come speak at the school every year to kick-start their environmental education units. She was responsible for creating an outdoor classroom at the school as well as creating the coolest interactive science lab inside. Barb won a Governor's Award for her leadership in the Clean Campus Program, and Barb is also featured in the Clean Campus learning video. We will miss Barb and wish her all the best in her retirement!



Do you know a teacher or volunteer like Melanie and Barb? I would love to connect with them and help them get the Clean Campus Program started in your community! Please give me a call at (334) 263-7737 or email at jamie@alpals.org to get started. Schools are always a great place to start with litter prevention and education through the Clean Campus Program. Alabama PALS programs are free to schools thanks to our state partnerships and corporate sponsors. 🌻

STATEWIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS LAUNCH AS PART OF ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM 60TH ANNIVERSARY ACCS DIAMOND JUBILEE IS TWO YEARS OF COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

MONTGOMERY – Dozens of community service projects are launching across Alabama as part of the Alabama Community College System's 60th anniversary.

April is National Community College Month and marks the beginning of the Diamond Jubilee, a two-year celebration centering on the System's anniversary and its impact across Alabama. Community college students, faculty and staff are serving alongside residents and members of several community organizations for some new – and many annual – events that support Alabama's communities.

A majority of the community service projects happening in April are beautification and litter pickup projects in partnership with the Alabama People Against a Littered State (ALPALS) and Coca-Cola UNITED Spring Cleanup, "Don't Drop it on Alabama". In addition to the spring cleanup, ALPALS assists colleges and groups with the process for obtaining official road markers in their honor for the ALPALS Adopt A Mile, Adopt-An-Area and Adopt-A-Stream programs.

"PALS is proud of this wonderful partnership and we thank ACCS and Coca-Cola United for their commitment to not only the "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Spring Cleanup, but for their committed stewardship for a cleaner and more beautiful future for our great state," said Spencer Ryan, Executive Vice President of ALPALS.

"This successful and ongoing partnership not only removes litter from our ACCS campuses, roads and highways, neighborhoods and communities, but connects ACCS students and leaders with local communities to forge long lasting and productive partnerships for the future."

Colleges participating in the first Diamond Jubilee community service projects in April include Beville State; Drake State; Enterprise State; Gadsden State; Jefferson State; Northeast; Reid State; Shelton State; Snead State; Southern Union; Trenholm State; Wallace Community College Dothan and Wallace Community College Selma.

Dr. Coretta Boykin, President of Reid State Technical College, said



Jefferson State Community College faculty, staff and students recently joined community partners for a spring cleanup event on the Cahaba River.



ABOUT ACCS

With 24 community colleges in more than 130 locations, the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) is Alabama's gateway to first-class, affordable education and technical training to compete in a constantly evolving workforce. More than 144,000 Alabamians benefit from the various certification, credential, dual enrollment and degree programs ACCS offers alongside leading industry partners. The System includes the Alabama Technology Network, which provides extensive training and service offerings directly to business and industry. ACCS is governed by the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees.



Jeff State Employee Elizabeth Little carries a bag of trash during the Jeff State ALPALS cleanup on the Cahaba River.



community service projects are a priority for Alabama's community and technical colleges. Reid State participates in several projects, including a summertime "Back-to-School Bash" that supports students within the Reid State community with school supplies, clothes and shoes for school.

"A strength of community and technical colleges in Alabama is our ability to know our communities well enough to have a stake in students becoming successful both in and out of the classroom and workforce," Boykin said.

"We are well-positioned and committed to identify needs that make our communities better and stronger, which is why we're continuing to grow."

A kickoff for the Diamond Jubilee happened Monday at the State Capitol. The kickoff included a performance by the LBW Ensemble and "birthday" cupcakes provided by students in the Trenholm State Culinary Arts program. Lunch was provided by the Paths for Success Foundation, which helps eliminate barriers such as childcare and transportation for residents desiring to attend college.

Speakers on Monday included former ACCS Chancellor Bradley Byrne, honorary Chair of the Diamond Jubilee who now serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Mobile Chamber. Alumni Jason Simpson, Chief Meteorologist for WVTM 13 Birmingham, and Tom McNeal, Workforce Development Manager for Alabama Power also spoke at the event. Lawson State student James Brinkley and Wallace Dothan President, Dr. Linda Young, were also part of the event.

"Our community colleges have been and continue to be a part of the destiny and future of so many people in this state. While some forms of higher education take great pride in their selectivity, community colleges take pride in taking a student where they are and taking them as far as their dreams, motivations and capabilities allow," said Young, who is currently the System's longest serving president and the state's first woman technical college president.

Landmark legislation signed into law on May 3, 1963, laid the groundwork for what would become the Alabama Community College System (ACCS).

Legislators wanted a unified system of institutions to focus on accessible training in "arts and sciences and in useful skills and trades" for current and future labor needs.

"Our success and the 60th anniversary wouldn't be possible if it wasn't for the talented folks who are committed to the proposition that the community college system is the best organization to bring about change in this state, offering opportunities to everyone," said ACCS Chancellor Jimmy Baker.

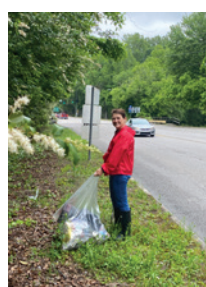
Future events Diamond Jubilee events include a Diamond Jubilee Gala, Golf Scramble, College Showcase, and a goal to raise more than \$600,000 for Paths for Success. More information can be found at accs.edu/diamondjubilee

More events can be found by connecting with a local community college.

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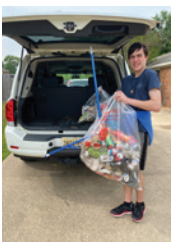
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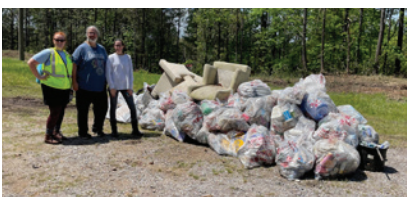
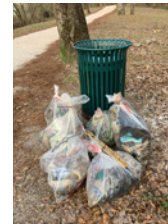
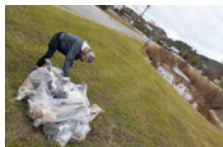
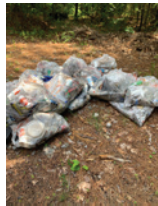
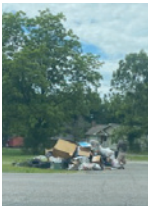
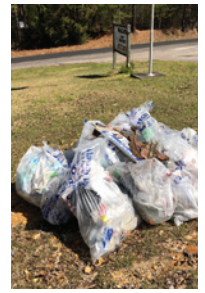


SPRING CLEAN-UP 2023

JEFFERSON COUNTY



SPRING CLEAN-UP 2023



COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



ADOPT-A-STREAM APPLICATION FORM

Name of Participating Group _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

Location of Proposed Stream Crossing: _____

_____ County: _____

Location for Adopt-A-Stream Signs (Hwy #'s, Mile Markers, etc.) _____

Send Applications to Alabama PALS, 340 N. Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

Application can be submitted online at alpals.org

THE 2023 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS PROGRAM



Wednesday, November 8, 2023 • 12 Noon
Renaissance Hotel, Montgomery, Alabama

Make Plans Now to Join Us On This Special PALS Day!
Bring Your Chapter Leaders, Volunteers and Others That
Share A Vision Of A Cleaner and More Beautiful Alabama.

*We Look Forward to Having You And Your
Guests Join Us For This Special Awards Day.*

2023 GOVERNORS AWARDS PROGRAM GUIDELINES

1. Competition is open to ALL Alabama City and Counties
2. Nominations for outstanding anti-litter projects by individuals, organizations, businesses, civic groups, PALS Chapters and Affiliates, schools, etc. will be accepted in following categories.
Vulcan Volunteer of the Year • County • City • Special • Media
Coca Cola "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Award • Education • Judicial
Law Enforcement • Business and Industry • Adopt A Mile • Adopt A Stream
Don Hines Memorial Award • Jean McRady Service Award • Coastal Cleanup Award
3. Nominations should include name of nominee, name of person nominating, description and classification of nominee, location of nominee's anti litter activity, size of area affected, number of individuals involved, length of time of project, and a narrative of work accomplishments.
4. Final judging for the statewide awards will be determined only from nominations forwarded to the PALS Office.
5. Nominations MUST be submitted to the PALS office at 340 North Hull St., Montgomery, AL 36104 by October 6, 2023.
6. Statewide winners will be recognized with a handsome plaque to be presented at the PALS Governors Awards Program on **November 8, 2023**.

**We wish you and your Groups the Best and
Look Forward to Recognizing Each of Your Winners!!!!**

2023 ALABAMA PALS GOVERNOR'S AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

(Scrapbooks, Articles and Pictures are Encouraged)

Narrative for Award _____

GOVERNORS AWARDS

AUTAUGA RIVER



Alabama's Coastal Cleanup

Get the Trash out of the Splash!

On Saturday, September 16, 2023, thousands of volunteers will head to the beaches, lakes, and streams of Alabama to remove trash and debris from land and water. Volunteers of all ages will form the largest one-day volunteer event in the state on behalf of clean oceans and waterways — Alabama's Coastal Cleanup.

During last year's cleanup, 2,293 dedicated volunteers removed 23,678 pounds of debris from the coastal areas. We are proud of our 2022 volunteers and look forward to a successful cleanup in 2023!

Pollution prevention is the key

Alabama's Coastal Cleanup isn't just about pollution cleanup — it's also about pollution prevention. The event focuses on educating and empowering people to become a part of the marine debris solution.

What makes the Alabama Coastal Cleanup unique is its data collection component. Volunteers record specific types of marine debris being found, allowing Ocean Conservancy, sponsor of the International Coastal Cleanup, to compile, analyze, and track this data year-by-year and make discoveries about the behaviors that cause the debris. The Ocean Conservancy's trash collection mobile app, *Clean Swell App*®, is used by many volunteers to easily record each item of trash collected.

The final information is used to educate the public, business, industry, and government officials about the problem. We believe understanding the problem is the key to finding long-lasting solutions.

The Alabama Coastal Cleanup is coordinated by



Over the past 35 years...

- 108,078 volunteers have participated in the Alabama Coastal Cleanup.
- 6,688 miles of coastline have been cleaned.
- 1,757,902 pounds of debris have been removed.



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