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ALABAMA SPRING CLEANUP

Narrow Road Adopt-a-Mile. These teenagers are AMAZING. They do all kinds of community service – Adopt-a-Mile, Walk for Life, Relay for Life, Miracle League, visiting the elderly, and more! The group is based off of the verse Matthew 7:13-14. They have made a commitment to walk the *narrow road* and lead others to that road as well. Purity until marriage, having a clean mouth and spirit, and no addictions to draw them away from Jesus are what they aspire. The one of them on the rock is a picture that we take every single time we clean the mile! They jump up on it and I click away! These teenagers work hard and have made the neighborhood quite proud! The kids now point out trash if someone throws it on the road and get upset!



DIRECTOR'S NOTES

BY SPENCER RYAN:

"TEAM":

All of us, at one time or another have the distinct honor of being a part of something that is far larger than we are. We learn that this is the only way that great things can be accomplished. During this time we come to understand the undeniable truth that we are only a small "cog" in a wheel that if afforded the opportunity, can make difference for a far greater number of people than we could possibly achieve on our own. I have had the distinct pleasure of being a part of **"teams"** many times during my life, but can think of no greater TEAMS than I have the pleasure of working with during my 28 years as Executive Director of Alabama PALS. Being a part of these special, successful, unselfish, dedicated and forever giving teams has enriched my life greatly.

When I think about these many special PALS teams, I look at the team of ALDOT and PALS, the board and staff of Alabama PALS, the team of ADCNR/State Lands/Coastal Section and PALS with the Alabama Coastal Cleanup, the Spring Cleanup team of the Association of County Commissioners and the County Coordinators, the team of devout and dedicated Corporate Sponsors, and most importantly the team of volunteers that promote and implement the statewide programs of Alabama PALS. How would PALS be the successful statewide organization that it has become without the involvement of these special teams? PALS could not continue to strive to reach our goals of a cleaner and more beautiful Alabama without each of these valuable team members that share the same goals, and a willingness to play such major roles

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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

The most frustrating thing about litter, is that it's preventable. Unlike disease, war, natural disasters or other problems that plague our world, littering is not inevitable. It's a choice.

We must choose to throw trash out the car window or leave cans and bottles on the beach. We choose to ignore the garbage along our roadways. And we choose to set poor examples for our children by perpetuating a throw-away culture.

Fortunately, the solution is within our grasp. We don't have to wait on scientists to find a cure or world leaders to sign a treaty. The answer is simple – Be Responsible.

Be responsible for the things we consume and the impact we have on our environment. Be responsible for cleaning up the mess — even if we didn't make it. Be responsible for teaching our children that being a good citizen involves stewardship. And, be responsible for learning to reduce, recycle and reuse.

For more than 25 years, Alabama PALS has encouraged responsibility. We recognize that litter and pollution affect us all, and each person has an opportunity improve the health and beauty of our state through prevention, control and education.

Alabama PALS teaches we not only are responsible for our own actions related to littering and recycling, but we also have a duty to talk to our children and others about stewardship and help clean up our roads, schools, streams and beaches.

While politicians spend millions making promises about what they might

do, Alabama PALS is saving millions doing what others refuse to do. Thanks to your work, Alabama PALS has saved our state \$7.6 million in litter control, and our programs just keep growing.

More schools are signing up for the Clean Campus Program, church and civic groups are adopting miles and thousands volunteer for the Spring Cleanup and Coastal Cleanup.

Our volunteers are showing what it means to Be Responsible and lead by example. Students have chosen to Be Responsible for the beauty of their campuses. Clubs and individuals have chosen to Be Responsible for the highways near their homes. Businesses have chosen to Be Responsible for encouraging their employees to participate in Spring Cleanup, and coastal residents have chosen to Be Responsible for the safety of our beaches and health of our oceans.

Thank you for being part of PALS campaign for a more beautiful Alabama. When you pick up a piece of trash, teach a child about recycling or simply choose to "Don't Drop it on Alabama," you are voting for a foundational American principle – to Be Responsible.

– Jeff

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

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in these many efforts. Thank you for being a valuable member of the PALS team, and know that your membership on this team is appreciated every day.

Inside this issue of the PALS Prints, you will find the nomination forms for the 2016 PALS Governors Awards, as well as the forms for the Statewide Clean Campus Awards program. These awards will be presented at the annual awards luncheon on November 16th at the Marriott at Capitol Hill in Prattville Alabama. PLEASE take time to nominate your special teachers, volunteers, schools, law enforcement officers, PALS Chapters, county, city and others for this awards program, which celebrates and recognizes those that have played major roles in making this great state truly "Alabama the Beautiful."

During the 2016 "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Spring Cleanup, 65 counties participated in this annual statewide cleanup effort, and over 320 tons have reported with about 80% of Reporting Forms having been received to date. If you or your county has not returned your respective Report Forms, please take time to fill them out and return

them to the PALS office. We want to thank the Association of County Commissions and Marcia Collier for their support in distributing the materials to the counties and statewide groups.

September 17th will be the date for the 29th Annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup! I cannot thank our valuable Corporate Sponsors enough for their interest, support and dedication each year as we prepare for the largest one day beach cleanup in the South. I would also like to once again thank ADCNR/State Lands/Coastal Section for their partnership, hard work and support each year as we work together to grow this most special coastal cleanup effort.

In closing, please take time to look at the PALS newly designed web page alpals.org. And please take time to become a member of this dedicated TEAM that works daily to achieve OUR goal of a cleaner and more beautiful Alabama. Make that "Investment" today.

Thank you for being a valuable member of the PALS TEAM!



2016 Poster and Recycled Art Winners

K-3

1st - Skyler Self, Crestline Elementary
2nd - Taylor Butler, WS Harlan
3rd - Samantha Saxon, Lakewood Primary
HM - Molly Pettis, Grove Hill Elementary
HM - Layla Frederick, Hubbertville School
HM - Braxton Warrick, Chatom Elementary
HM - Hart Johnson, Trinity Presbyterian School

4-6

1st - Bryce Brasell, Clarke Prep School
2nd - Cade Fisher, Hubbertville School
3rd - Kelsey Lowe, Pickens Academy
HM - Kate Wimberly, Pine Level Elementary
HM - John Russell Marshall, Trinity Presbyterian School
HM - Jade Wiggins, Straughn Elementary
HM - A'kerria Hubbard

Recycled Art Contest 7-12

1st - Trumbull, Trinity Presbyterian
2nd - Jonna Whitley & Kaley Reid, Brookwood High School
3rd - Keyla Rich, Hubbertville School
HM - Anna Kerns, Hewitt Trussville HS



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MESSAGE FROM:

MARGARET McELROY

State Adopt-A-Mile Coordinator

2016 has been a banner year for the Alabama Adopt A Mile Program, with many new groups adopting State and County highways, and wanting to do their part in making Alabama more beautiful. PALS truly appreciates and admires these dedicated groups and individuals that take time from their busy schedules to truly "Make a Difference."

On behalf of all Alabamians, thank you for your dedication and stewardship as we continue to work together for the common goal of a litter free Alabama. Please let me know if I can assist you and your groups in any way.

Margaret

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"Working Together for an Unlittered Alabama"



Pastor Willie J. Smith, Sr. with members of New Salem Christian Church in Hayneville, Alabama have adopted mile marker 113-112, Highway 80 West in Lowndes County.

MESSAGE FROM:

JAMIE MITCHELL – Clean Campus State Coordinator

Back-to-school means a new start and fresh beginning for teachers and students alike. Clean notebooks, unbroken crayons and sparkling classrooms are hallmarks of the commencement of a new school year. You can be sure that the grounds of each school will be freshly cut and cleaned, as well, for the new batch of students and parents that will be arriving for that first day.

Fast forward a couple of weeks, and the notebooks are beginning to wear around the edges, the crayons aren't quite as sharp, and the classrooms have started to smell, well, more "lived in." The grounds of the school may have a stray wrapper here and there, as well. This is where the Clean Campus Program comes into play!

The Clean Campus Program is FREE to all Alabama city, county and private schools. Even if your school has signed up in the past, be sure to go online to www.alpals.org and get your school registered for the 2016-2017 school year. Also, contact me if you are interested in having me visit your school and present to your students about littering and ways they can make a difference. I can be reached by email at Jamie@alpals.org or by phone at (334) 263-7737.

Applications for the Clean Campus Scrapbook Competition are due October

14th. If you have any questions at all, feel free to contact me. All necessary forms are in this newsletter or can be found on our website.

Also, I wanted to go ahead and announce the 2017 Poster and Recycled Art contest themes. Some teachers asked if they could have the theme early in the year in case it worked better into their curriculum in the fall or early winter. These will be due in late April 2017, so there is plenty of time!

- K-3rd and 4th-6th Poster Contest Theme: **See you Later, Litter!**
- 7th-12th Recycled Art Project Contest Theme: **Rethink Litter**

The full guidelines for the contests will come out in our winter newsletter, but here are a few helpful hints/guidelines for the Recycled Art Project. . . .

- "Art" may be useful or just for decoration
- No size restrictions, as long as it can be easily moved
- Art must be made entirely of materials that are eligible for recycling or that would be otherwise considered trash, except for a small amount of fastening materials such as screws, bolts, wire, welding, glue, tape and twine
- Students may work in groups of 2 or work alone on their projects

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 _____

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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

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"

Fill out application form and mail to:

Alabama PALS

340 North Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

MESSAGE FROM:

JOHN COOPER

*Director, Alabama Department
of Transportation*

The Alabama Department of Transportation and Alabama PALS are dedicated to keeping our state's roadways clean. The nearly 30-year partnership between our organizations has brought together state government, non-profit groups and volunteers to keep Alabama beautiful with our Adopt-a-Mile Program.

In April, 61 Alabama counties participated in the Spring Cleanup Campaign. In an effort to save taxpayers millions of dollars every year, volunteers gave their time and dedication during this two-week state cleanup campaign. While this year's Spring Cleanup initiative collected more than 368 tons of debris and litter from Alabama's roads, I must encourage everyone to stay responsible year-round.

The roads we drive everyday are also the roads people visiting from all over the country see when they make their way to our stunning coast or to our many beautiful towns and cities. We may overlook and take for granted the scenic views we get when we're driving to work or running errands, but visitors to our great state do not. Let's continue doing everything we can – and to encourage others to join us – to help make a positive lasting impression by being good stewards in how we dispose of our trash. It's our responsibility to protect Alabama's environment.

On behalf of ALDOT, thank you for helping keep "Alabama the Beautiful."

— John

THE 2016 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS PROGRAM

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 • 12 Noon

The Marriott at Capitol Hill
Prattville, 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.*

2016 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
Honda "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Award • Education • Judicial • Law Enforcement
Business and Industry • Adopt A Mile • Adopt A Stream • Don Hines Memorial 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 solely 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 20, 2016.
6. Statewide winners will be recognized with a handsome plaque to be presented At the PALS Governors Awards Program on November 16, 2016.

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

(Scrapbooks, Articles and Pictures are Encouraged)

Narrative for Award _____

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SPRING CLEANUP

BIBB COUNTY

I'm happy to report that five Bibb County 4-H Bibb County Youth Leadership participants conducted the annual cleanup of Taber Mill Road in Bibb County yesterday afternoon, April 19, 2016, as part of the ***ALPALS Don't Drop It On Alabama Spring 2016 Cleanup Week***. These participants were Michael David Hartzell, Aubrey Elmore, Becca Carver, Will Lawrence and Harrison Johnson.



HATCH HIGH SCHOOL



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LEEDS



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED City of Leeds Roadside Cleanup April 2, 2016 8:00 am - 12 Noon Meet at Leeds City Hall (1040 Park Drive) Bring gloves, bags are provided.

Wear long pants, NO open-toed shoes. For more information contact: Toushi Arbitelle 699-0934. This event is being coordinated by the Jefferson County Commission in conjunction with the Alabama People Against A Littered State (AL PALS) and the City of Leeds.



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MACALLA,
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SPRING CLEANUP



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The Russell County Cooperative Extension put the 4H club to work during Spring Clean Up week of April 18-23. Armed with pick-up tools and PALS plastic bags and despite the inclement weather, the 4H club scattered in groups young and old to eliminate the litter on 14th and Broad Streets. The best collection of trash was around the businesses on Broad. The second wave of volunteers dodged the raindrops on 5th Avenue around the corner from the RCCE.



SPRING CLEANUP



RCS Interim Director Brad Pearson and Assistant Director Don Plotner were invited to Oliver Elementary to demonstrate to the students how the trucks work and how important it is to keep Russell County beautiful.

RUSSELL COUNTY



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Takin' it to the streets with the Clean County Cowboys of Russell County Sanitation.



One of 195 PALS bags filled throughout the week after the routes are done.



Russell County Sanitation Assistant Director Don Plonter manages some curbside box springs left upon on the country county roads. RCS has been busy through the PALS Spring Clean Up week of April 18-23.



Over 150 tires were picked up and 195 bags filled before the end of the cleanup.

SPRING CLEANUP



Russell County Sheriff's Deputy Johnny Barnes, Russell County Commission Chair Peggy Martin and RCSD Brad Pearson and Don Plotner all together at the transfer station to celebrate a job well-done and throw out the trash collected during Spring Clean Up Week 2016. Almost all of the tires are the result of Johnny Barnes supervising groups of inmates throughout each month to keep roads clear of debris.



It's Back to School Time!

Get involved to keep your campus clean.

by *Jamie Mitchell*

Back to school means a new start and fresh beginning for teachers and students alike. Clean notebooks, unbroken crayons and sparkling classrooms are hallmarks of the commencement of a new school year. You can be sure the grounds of each school will be freshly cut and cleaned, as well, for the new batch of students and parents who will be arriving for that first day.

Fast forward a couple of weeks; the notebooks are beginning to wear around the edges, the crayons aren't quite as sharp and the classrooms have started to smell, well, more lived in. The grounds of the school may also have a stray wrapper here and there. This is where the Clean Campus Program comes into play!

The Clean Campus Program is free to all Alabama schools and is designed to promote a cleaner and healthier environment for all

Alabama campuses. The CCP also presents an opportunity for students and faculty members to be a part of having their respective schools recognized for their efforts. Many CCP schools have regular campus cleanups, participate in recycling programs and have created amazing outdoor classrooms for their students. In addition, the schools and students get a chance to compete in statewide contests to win monetary prizes each year.

As a member of the Clean Campus Program, the schools can additionally have me come speak to their students about littering, recycling and ways they can make a difference in their community. I speak all through the school year at schools throughout the state. My program is 30

minutes and can be tailored to work for any age level from kindergarten through college.

If you would like to introduce a school near you to the Clean Campus Program, have it check us out online at www.alpals.org. They may also call me with any questions anytime at 334-263-7737 or email me at Jamie@alpals.org. ■

Jamie Mitchell is the PALS State Clean Campus Coordinator.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN MONTGOMERY!

Flowers Elementary joins the Clean Campus Program.

by Jamie Mitchell

Flowers Elementary in Montgomery has joined the Clean Campus Program! At the direction of teacher Christy Hale, the fifth-grade students at Flowers are getting the ball rolling with the Clean Campus initiative.

I had the pleasure of speaking to all of the fifth-graders at Flowers and teaching the students more about what it means to be involved in the Clean Campus Program. We listed ways they could be more involved such as picking up litter when they see it, never putting trash somewhere that it can blow away and recycling. I learned the students at Flowers are currently recycling, so they are already headed in the right direction!

We also talked about starting regular campus cleanup days and how they could coordinate cleanup days outside of school with any group they are involved with.

I also encouraged the school to participate in our yearly Clean Campus Scrapbook Competition due in October. This is an opportunity for the school to show off all of the great things they have been doing on campus to keep their school looking more beautiful. I encouraged them to take lots of pictures throughout the year to include in their scrapbook! I also told them to go ahead and mark their calendars to participate in next year's poster contest!

Getting started in the Clean Campus Program is as easy as going to our website at www.alpals.org and signing up through the Clean Campus link. Each school is asked to follow a few simple membership guidelines to keep their campus and community litter-free. It is absolutely FREE to become a member, so encourage a school near you to sign up today!

If you have any additional questions regarding the Clean Campus

Program, feel free to give me a call at 334-263-7737. ■

Jamie Mitchell is the PALS State Clean Campus Coordinator.

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Robert C. Hatch School, Uniontown

Ready, Set, Go !

Perry County Schools are pitching in to stop litter on campus with some friendly competition.

by Jamie Mitchell

Led by the efforts of Reverend Eulas Kirtdoll, Perry County has decided to become litter free! It all began when Kirtdoll arranged a conference call with PALS and members of the Perry County School Board, county commission

and other leaders. The schools immediately signed up to be a part of the Clean Campus Program and scheduled a day for me to come and do my program at each school.

John Heard, Perry County School Superintendent, was helpful in scheduling my tour of Perry County. First, I visited Robert C. Hatch

School in Uniontown. The students and staff were fired up to begin their campus-wide anti-litter campaign. Deborah Rox and the student government are leading the way at Hatch to ensure success in the Clean Campus Program. I met with pre-K through 12th grade at Hatch and found the same enthusiasm from the

Marion Academy, Marion



Animal Scholarship Program

AFC will provide interest-free credit for students to obtain goods and services from AFC member stores for his/her Animal Science Project.

Scholarships will be awarded to winners who participate in this program as follows:

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Grand Champion Exhibitor - \$500 Scholarship
Tri-State Beef Cattle Show - Dothan
Grand Champion Exhibitor - \$500 Scholarship
Tennessee Valley Junior Beef
Grand Champion Exhibitor - \$500 Scholarship

HEIFER PROJECTS:

Alabama State Heifer Show
Grand Champion Exhibitor - \$500 Scholarship

PORK PROJECTS:

State FFA and 4-H Market Hog Show - Montgomery

Grand Champion Exhibitor - \$500 Scholarship

SHEEP/GOAT PROJECTS:

AL National Fair Market Meat Goat Show - Montgomery

Grand Champion Exhibitor - \$500 Scholarship

AL National Fair Market Lamb Show - Montgomery

Grand Champion Exhibitor - \$500 Scholarship

For scholarship requirements, contact your local Quality Co-op.



Francis Marion School, Marion

youngest all the way to the oldest students.

The next stop on the tour was to Francis Marion School in Marion. Due to time constraints, I was only able to meet with pre-K through fourth grade, but I found these kids to be just as thrilled and excited as their counterparts in Uniontown. These students kicked off their Clean Campus campaign by each picking up a piece of litter before they even left the auditorium! Under the direction of teacher Leslye Essex, Francis Marion is going to increase their goals for recycling as well as work

on keeping their campus free from litter. Both schools are so excited to be a part of the Clean Campus Program that we decided to have a contest between the two schools to see which one can clean and beautify their campus more! The schools will be sending PALS a report of how much they have collected as well as supporting pictures with before and after shots!

The final stop of my Perry County tour was to Marion Academy. Teacher Ann LeCroy said that Marion Academy is small in number, but big on enthusiasm! They even want to join the Adopt-A-Mile program and adopt the mile right out in front of their school! They like to think of themselves as "small, but mighty!" We are so excited to have them be a part of the Clean Campus Program, too!

Congratulations to Perry County for their commitment to keep their schools and county litter free!

If your county or a school near you would like more information on the Clean Campus Program, just have them call me at 334-263-7737. ■

Jamie Mitchell is the PALS State Clean Campus Coordinator

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Putting a Lid on Litter

Pearl Haskew Elementary learns how to keep Alabama's roadways clean.



by Jamie Mitchell

Mobile's Alfa Women's Committee Chairperson Debbie Freeland recently helped PALS schedule a visit to Pearl Haskew Elementary in Mobile County. I met all day in the library with groups of second- and fourth-grade students telling them about the importance of keeping Alabama's roadways litter free!

In our sessions, the students learned about littering statistics. They learned that 50 percent of litter is unintentional and 96 percent of unintentional litter is done by males. We discussed how debris from trucks highly contributes to this number. The students made a pledge to spread the word to family members with trucks to use a tarp when hauling large loads. They also agreed to

encourage drivers to keep a bag in the car or truck for any stray wrappers that might become unintentional litter.

Another part of my presentation focused on recycling, and Pearl Haskew Elementary is already recycling paper and cans. Way to go! The students also heard about our annual statewide poster competition and all seemed very eager to participate when they heard the winner receives \$250!

Many thanks to Freeland for helping set up this wonderful day at Pearl Haskew! We are so excited to have your students involved in the Clean Campus Program!

Any schools interested in becoming a part of the Clean Campus Program may call me at 334-263-7737 or send me an email at Jamie@alpals.org. They can also look us up

online at www.alpals.org to sign-up online. ■

Jamie Mitchell is the PALS State Clean Campus Coordinator.

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2015-2016 AWARDS NOMINATION FORM
*NOTE: Scrapbooks are Encouraged***

Name of Participating School _____

Address of School _____

County _____ Telephone (____)____-_____ Contact Person _____

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 14, 2016!



Volunteers with Coastal Cleanup gather roadside trash.

Community Collaboration *Leads to Cleanup Success*

*By ANGELA UNDERWOOD, NATURAL RESOURCES PLANNER, ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES,
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September 17th will mark the 29th anniversary of the Alabama Coastal Cleanup. Hard work and the participation of over 5,500 community members lead to the continued success of Alabama's largest volunteer effort. With 31 cleanup zones representing coastal and inland waterways, dedicated zone captains are critical to ensuring that volunteers have the supplies and support they need to accomplish litter removal on such a large scale.

Zone captains distribute supplies, ensure volunteer safety and comfort, and tally the totals of trash removed from each zone. To recognize the outstanding work accomplished by volunteers across the state, zones are chosen each year to receive the Alabama People Against a Littered State (AL PALS) Governor's Award. In 2015, the Theodore Industrial Canal (TIC) zone in Mobile County and the Daphne zone in Baldwin County were honored. The cleanups at both sites are truly community

events, with several partnering groups at each site working to implement the event.

The TIC zone was started in 1999 and captained by Travis Osborne, current Environmental Manager at Holcim U.S. Inc. As participation increased, Travis enlisted Mitzi Houk, former Alabama Power employee now with Southern Company, to be his co-captain. Over the years, Holcim and Alabama Power have been great supporters of Coastal Cleanup, providing not only volunteers, but the small details such as drinks, snacks, gloves, sunscreen, bug spray, and hand sanitizer that go into making a cleanup event safe and successful. After the cleanup, the volunteers are invited to Holcim to debrief while they enjoy free pizza provided by local vendors. The volunteers look forward to talking about the unusual things they found and stories about the day. Travis and Mitzi comment that it is a hard day's work

(especially those years when it rains or is extremely hot), but the sense of pride and accomplishment at the end of the day is felt by all. The zone had a record of 187 volunteers last year, many of them Holcim and Alabama Power employees, and is now the largest environmental community outreach event Holcim sponsors each year.

Daphne has been involved with Coastal Cleanup since 1992 and is one of the largest zones with 600 volunteers participating last year. It takes coordination among the two zone co-captains (Priscilla Dabney, a teacher of Marine Science at Daphne High School, and Amy Gohres, an

environmental consultant), workers from the City of Daphne public works department, Daphne Utilities, and volunteers enlisted from the Daphne High School Key Club and Girls Service Club to manage such a large zone.

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Dabney and Gohres feel that the greatest achievement of the Daphne zone is the large percentage of volunteers that are children and students. The site has approximately 200 Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of all ages that participate alongside their parents and siblings to earn scout badges. Additionally, a number of middle and high school service organizations participate annually. Organizers of the Daphne site feel that the cleanup is an opportunity to teach resident children, from an early age, the long-term benefits of taking care of the environment.

We are proud of all of our zones and volunteers and appreciate the years of hard work and dedication they have shown to the Alabama Coastal Cleanup. You can find more information on the cleanup and how to get involved at www.AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com.



The Alabama PALS Governor's Award was presented to the Theodore Industrial Canal zone in Mobile County and the Daphne zone in Baldwin County. Pictured, left to right: Phillip Hinesley, Amy Gohres, Angela Underwood, Mitzi Houk, and Travis Osborne.

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