

# THE PALS PRINTS

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTES BY SPENCER RYAN:

As we approach the final quarter of 2019, and plan for 2020 and beyond, it is evident that Alabama PALS continues to be blessed beyond measure with the pleasure of working with statewide groups, volunteers, corporate sponsors, city and county leaders, schools, teachers, state agencies and others as we work together to make our great state truly "Alabama the Beautiful." The growth and successes of the PALS statewide programs are YOUR successes, and continue to benefit Alabama cities, counties and communities, while projecting a positive impression on those that visit our state annually. Thank you again for your time, efforts, support, dedication,

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## ALABAMA PALS SPRING CLEANUP



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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

Since 1987, Alabama PALS has been blessed with leaders, advocates and volunteers who believe in our mission to improve the economy and quality of life in our state through a cleaner, more beautiful environment.

As we enjoy Alabama's lakes, beaches, mountains and distinctive communities this summer, it seems only appropriate to recognize some of the individuals who are helping Alabama PALS keep our state healthy and welcoming.

Among those making a positive impact for our state are government leaders who helped secure \$100,000 in the Alabama General Fund budget for Alabama PALS programs. When PALS started, we received some support through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), but Alabama PALS was removed from state budgets years ago — along with other non-government organizations.

Over the last 18 months, Alabama PALS Director Spencer Ryan, Clean Campus Coordinator Jamie Mitchell, former lieutenant governor and friend George McMillan and Crestline Elementary School teacher Barb Helton have worked to communicate with elected officials about the value of Alabama PALS programs.

While efforts to include funding for the Clean Campus program in the Education Trust Fund budget were unsuccessful, our discussions with legislators heightened awareness of Alabama PALS and the positive impact it makes for the state. Meanwhile, we are excited to work with ADECA to target the General Fund money to litter education, prevention and control.

We would like to thank Sen. Arthur Orr, R-Decatur; Rep. Steve McMillan, R-Bay Minette; Rep. Margie Wilcox, R-Mobile; Rep. Terri Collins, R-Decatur; Rep. Bill Poole, R-Tuscaloosa; Sen. Greg Albritton, R-Range; Rep. Steve Clouse, R-Ozark; Gov. Kay Ivey and Chief of Staff Jo Bonner as well as others who took phone calls, texts and emails from Alabama PALS volunteers about the importance of our programs.

I also appreciate all those who took the time, in the closing days of the legislative session, to contact lawmakers on behalf of Alabama PALS. Your efforts made a huge difference and helped position our organization to grow anti-litter efforts in 2019-20. Please continue to invite your state senators and representatives, along with county and city officials, to your cleanups and Clean Campus programs. Nothing is as effective as seeing Alabama PALS volunteers in action.

Meanwhile, I want to welcome four new members to the Alabama PALS Board of Directors. Will Underwood of the Alabama State Lands Coastal Section, Hana Berres of the Jefferson County Development Services Department, Samantha Carpenter of Alabama Farmers Cooperative, and Don Bates of the Osprey Initiative bring passion, experience and knowledge to our group. Each has already been active in Alabama PALS individually or through their organizations.

We also thank departing board members Jim Allen of Alabama Farmers Cooperative, Mark McNally of Honda Manufacturing of Alabama and former Alabama PALS Treasurer Charlie Rowe for their faithful service.

It's an honor to serve alongside service-hearted people who give of their time and energy to make Alabama a better place to live.

—Jeff

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

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stewardship and faithfulness to these programs that make such a difference for Alabama and future generations.

I want to begin by thanking those that continue to make all PALS programs possible. Our Corporate Sponsors ALDOT, ALFA, Coca-Cola, Vulcan Materials Company, The Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Honda Manufacturing of Alabama, Alabama Farmers Cooperative and the Association of County Commissions of Alabama all share in the goal of a beautiful and litter free Alabama, while affording PALS the opportunities to grow and expand the "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Spring Cleanup, The Alabama Clean Campus Program, the Alabama Coastal Cleanup, Adopt a Mile and other statewide programs. Their friendship, support and commitment to PALS and the PALS mission is not only appreciated by the PALS staff, but is most appreciated by those communities that reap the benefits of the PALS statewide programs annually.

With the 2019 Alabama Coastal Cleanup right around the corner, I also want to thank the ADCNR/State Lands/Coastal Section for their partnership in this annual coastal effort, as well as our Corporate Sponsors for the Alabama Coastal Cleanup (listed inside newsletter). This partnership is one of the most special and effective partnerships that I have ever worked within, and is the reason that the Alabama Coastal Cleanup has become a beacon for other states. Make plans now to join us on September 21, 2019 for what we anticipate will be the largest Alabama Coastal Cleanup to date. All zones will be recycling plastic bottles and aluminum cans during the 2019 cleanup.

On behalf of the cities, counties and communities that benefited from the 2019 "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Spring Cleanup, I would like to thank Coca-Cola for their support as Title Sponsor for the 2018 and 2019 Spring Cleanup efforts. Coca-Cola truly supports and is dedicated to the mission of a cleaner and litter free Alabama, while also promoting and implementing their "World Without Waste" program nationally and internationally. We also look forward to involving Coca-Cola and their volunteers again during the Alabama Coastal Cleanup on September 21st. Coca-Cola logo bags will be used in the plastic and aluminum recycling effort during the cleanup. Over 1 ton of recyclables was collected during the 2018 Alabama Coastal Cleanup.

With approximately 50% of Report Forms returned from the 2019 Spring Cleanup, over 470 tons have been reported to date. Several cities and counties had scheduled cleanup cancelled or rescheduled due to weather, so we will accept Report Forms from those that have rescheduled upon completion of the cleanups. If your city, county or community have NOT reported your totals, you will find a Report Form inside of the newsletter (see page 19) for your use. PLEASE take time to complete the Report Form as the data is very important to PALS and the planning for materials for future Spring Cleanup efforts. Thank you for taking time to report this valuable information. We are planning to have the 2020 "Don't Drop It On Alabama" Spring Cleanup to run the entire month of April to accommodate those cities and counties in planning around weather and other planned events. Thank you to those that have suggested this change!

Inside the newsletter you will find the Guidelines and Nomination Forms for the 2019 PALS Governors Awards Program, as well as the forms for the Statewide Clean Campus Awards. Winners will be recognized at the PALS Governors Awards Program on November 13th at the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery. Please take time to nominate those from your schools, cities, counties and communities that are truly "Making A Difference". We look forward to having you as our guests on this special day!

In closing, thank you for making 2019 such a special year for your organization!



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"Working Together for an Unlittered Alabama"

## MESSAGE FROM:

JAMIE MITCHELL – Clean Campus State Coordinator

Another summer has flown by! Back-to-School time is a great time to enroll or reenroll in the Clean Campus Program! The program is designed to involve all Alabama schools in litter control, beautification, recycling and cleanup efforts. Our goal is to instill good stewardship and environmental awareness for future generations and provide opportunities for schools and students to win awards and stay motivated!

Schools can participate in the Clean Campus Program by simply enrolling online at [www.alpals.org](http://www.alpals.org), and the program is completely FREE to all Alabama schools thanks to ALFA and the Alabama Farmer's Cooperative. If I can answer any questions or provide any assistance at all, feel free to give me a call at (334) 263-7737.

Let's work together to keep our campuses across the state litter-free! Just give me a call or email at [jamie@alpals.org](mailto:jamie@alpals.org) to set up a speaking program for the school year or to get your school onboard!

–Jamie

## 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](http://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 2017-2018 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](http://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"

Fill out application form and mail to:

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online at [alpals.org](http://alpals.org)

## 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 31-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.

The men, women and particularly young people who volunteer their time to helping keep Alabama's environment beautiful and roads clean are the most important factor in our efforts. When these dedicated volunteers remove hundreds of tons of litter from highways every year it saves Alabama taxpayers millions of dollars in cleanup costs. The impact on the environment is immeasurable.

Last year, ALDOT's Tuscaloosa District formed a litter pick up crew and, since then, have collected over 34 tons of litter. That is 34 tons of litter off the side of our roads, 34 tons of litter out of our waterways and 34 tons of litter removed that keeps Alabama Beautiful.

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 your commitment to our ongoing battle against litter. Together, we're making a difference.

– John



## Harvest Elementary Joins PALS

Harvest Elementary in Madison County has come onboard the Clean Campus Program! Led by the school's National Honor Society students, the Clean Campus Program is sure to be a huge success at Harvest! I had the opportunity to meet with the Honor Society students on a recent visit to the school, and they are fired up about motivating their fellow students to stay litter-free!

Teacher Laura Leigh Fry Lemley is overseeing the program and has some fantastic ideas for the National Honor Society students to implement.

They are planning to make anti-litter bookmarks from cardboard cereal boxes that would otherwise go in the trash; and have cleanup days around campus and requested a roll of the trash bags provided

by PALS at no charge to schools.

They are looking into ways they can do more recycling, as well. I am certain they will find even more ways to make their Clean Campus Program a colossal success as they continue through the school year!

Madison County should be proud of this new addition to the Clean Campus Program. By becoming a member, the students of Harvest Elementary will be equipped to become good stewards of our environment for years to come!

If a school near you would like to join the Clean Campus Program, have them check us out online at [www.alpals.org](http://www.alpals.org) or give me a call at 334-263-7737. The Clean Campus Program is FREE to all Alabama Public and Private Schools.

## Brindlee Mountain Elementary 4-H is New PALS Member!

Brindlee Mountain Elementary School's 4-H Club has decided to bring the Clean Campus Program to their school! The 4-H Club does many other activities on campus and will be incorporating regular campus cleanups and other litter-awareness activities for their peers. They are also looking into starting a recycling program for paper and cardboard waste the school produces.

While visiting with the students recently, we discussed several small changes they could make each day that would make a big difference if everyone did their part. We discussed that if all 250 students at the school would pick up one piece of litter per day, they would have collected over 5,000 pieces of litter in one month! It really adds up when we all work together!

We also discussed the 2019 Poster and Recycled Art Contest. This year's theme for the K-6th Poster Contest is "Go Green in 2019!" The 7th-12th Recycled Art Contest theme is "Make a Scene in 2019." All rules and entry information can be found on our website at [www.alpals.org](http://www.alpals.org) if a school near you would like to participate. All entries are due Friday, April 26, 2019.

Are your local schools a part of the Clean Campus Program? If not, have them check us out online at [www.alpals.org](http://www.alpals.org) or give me a call at 334-263-7737 to get connected. The Clean Campus Program is FREE to all Alabama Public and Private Schools. Education is critical in making Alabama the cleanest and most beautiful state in the nation. Let us know how we can help you in your community!





## Dozier Elementary Joins PALS

Dozier Elementary in Montgomery County is a recent addition to the Clean Campus Program! PALS is delighted the students of Dozier are now ready to be lifelong stewards of our environment. I recently visited the fourth and fifth grades at Dozier Elementary. I gave them the tools they need to be anti-litter leaders.

In my visit, the students learned all about where litter can be found and how litter affects our community. Students learned litter is not only visually distracting but it can also harm animals near busy roads and in waterways. We discussed how litter can also be quite expensive. Citizens can be fined if caught littering or dumping garbage, but it can also cost taxpayers a lot of money for crews to have to pick up after us on streets and highways.

After discussing all the ways that litter is bad, we discussed what the community can do to make a change. The most obvious thing a community can do is to choose to not intentionally litter. Immediately disposing of wrappers and little items is a way to help keep from littering. I also challenged the students to pick up at least one small piece of litter every day.

Could a school near you benefit from this same anti-litter message? Have them check us out online at [www.alpals.org](http://www.alpals.org) or give me, the PALS Clean Campus Coordinator, a call at 334-263-7737 to get connected. The Clean Campus Program is FREE to all Alabama public and private schools.





Reform Elementary School in Pickens County is a recent addition to the Clean Campus Program! I recently went to speak to the students at Reform Elementary and learned more about their plans for Clean Campus involvement. I was so excited to see their enthusiasm for the program and how they plan to do some cleanups around campus.

This school year's theme at Reform Elementary is "Kindness Matters." They were even wearing special shirts displaying this theme



the day I was there. I decided we needed to tie into the theme with regards to littering. We talked about how it is really kind to be a helper to our teachers by picking up after ourselves.

We talked about how it is kind to our friends to pick up a wrapper that accidentally got dropped. We discussed how it is kind to our Earth to plant flowers and trees. In addition to being friendly and thoughtful, there are so many other ways to show kindness! Being an anti-litter leader is certainly one way to show you are kind!

The students of Reform Elementary are also excited to participate for the first time this year in our poster contest. Entries are due April 26. Be sure to check with your local schools to make sure they are

## Reform Elementary Brings



participating. All contest information can be found in our newsletter online. Is there an area near you that needs a litter cleanup? Check out [www.alpals.org](http://www.alpals.org) to sign up for our Adopt-AMile Program or to help





# Kindness to PALS



a local school get involved with the Clean Campus Program. I am also happy to answer any questions at 334-263-7737. The Clean Campus program is FREE to all Alabama public and private Schools.

Education is critical in making Alabama the cleanest and most beautiful state in the nation. Let us know how we can help you in your community.



Piney Chapel Elementary School is passionate about the Clean Campus Program! They have created a Green Team who will be leading the Clean Campus events at the school. I recently had a chance to meet with the Green Team at Piney Chapel, and they shared their plans for success.

The Green Team at PCES is currently hosting a recycling drive throughout the school to see which grade can collect the most plastic. The winning grade will receive a special treat and party for their efforts. They did a similar contest last year and have found that the project has already grown much larger this year! They hope this will be a lasting contest for many years to come!

One way the teachers at PCES are teaching why it is so important to recycle is by “planting” a pumpkin and “planting” an empty gallon milk jug at the beginning of the school year. After a couple

of months, the students go dig up the areas where the two items were planted to see what happened. The pumpkin had completely disappeared, and the gallon milk jug looked exactly as it did when planted. According to scientists, it may take up to 500 years for plastic bottles to completely decompose, and these teachers are doing a great job showing how difficult it is for plastic to rot away.

We at Alabama PALS are thrilled with the progress being made at Piney Chapel Elementary School!

Is there a school near you that would like to start a Green Team? I'd be happy to help! Check out [www.alpals.org](http://www.alpals.org) to sign up for the Clean Campus Program. I am also happy to answer any questions anytime at 334-263-7737.

The Clean Campus Program is FREE to all Alabama public and private schools.



Flowers Elementary in Montgomery County continues to be a shining example of environmental stewardship year after year! The students of Flowers Elementary take their role in the Clean Campus Program very seriously as they participate in recycling programs and campus cleanups on a regular basis.

Mrs. Christy Hale leads the Clean Campus Program for Flowers and inspires her students to find ways to make a small difference each day. Hale schedules an assembly with me every year to remind the students of the importance of litter prevention. This year, I spoke in the spring one week before their field day. The picture shown is from the campus cleanup they conducted after field day to prevent any stray trash from becoming litter in the community. What a great way to give back to their school after such a fun week! Way to go, Flowers Elementary!!

The students of Flowers Elementary have truly learned how to play hard and work hard all in the same week. Creating lifelong stewards of our environment is the main objective of the Clean Campus Program. I believe these students are on track to achieving that goal!



Is there a school near you that would like to learn more about the Clean Campus Program? I would love to talk to you about how we can work together with your schools to prevent litter in your area. Check out [www.alpals.org](http://www.alpals.org) to learn more about the Clean Campus Program. I am also happy to answer any questions anytime at 334-263-7737. The program is FREE to all Alabama public and private schools.



The Daphne Beautification Board is working to involve Daphne schools in the Clean Campus Program! I recently had the opportunity to meet with the board and tell them more about PALS and how we can help involve schools in community outreach and cleanups. Board member Judie Swan had also set up meetings for me to meet with Daphne Elementary and Daphne Middle School to speak to their administration and students to get them onboard.

Daphne Elementary School's Principal Johnathan Ellis gave me a tour of the school and showed me recent landscaping projects that had been implemented by local volunteers. The school has over 20 acres of property to maintain, and the Clean Campus Program will be a good fit to help get students, parents and more members of the community thinking about how to keep all their beautiful campus litter-free.

After Daphne Elementary, I visited the science class of teacher Holly Wiggins at Daphne Middle School. Her students heard all about the Clean Campus Program and the many ways they can help keep their campus and community even more beautiful. The students were very attentive and interested in how to spread the word about preventing litter near the school.

The Daphne Beautification Board is playing an instrumental role in kicking off the Clean Campus Program in their area. We can't wait to see what great things the future holds for Daphne Elementary

and Daphne Middle Schools!

Do you have a local beautification board or committee? I would love to talk to you about how we can work together with your schools to prevent litter in your area. Check out [www.alpals.org](http://www.alpals.org) to learn more about the Clean Campus Program. I am also happy to answer any questions anytime at 334-263-7737. The Clean Campus Program is FREE to all Alabama public and private schools.



# Maddox Intermediate School

There were several shifts/groups throughout the day that came to “pitch in” with Maddox Intermediate School (4th-6th): helping were student’s parents, Bevill State Community College, Civic organizations and local businesses. The self contained class helped organize the day, our first ever (and poster contest) and we are all excited about next year!





## ALABAMA PALS CLEAN CAMPUS PROGRAM

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### STATEWIDE COMPETITION

### 2018-2019 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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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. \_\_\_\_\_

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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 11, 2019!**



# Poster & Recycled Art Contest Winners 2019

## POSTER WINNERS K - 3RD

### 1st - Grayson Hatchett

Piney Chapel Elementary  
Limestone Co.

### 2nd - Brinley Baum

Prattville Primary  
Autauga Co.

### 3rd - Braydon Nichols

Leroy High School  
Washington Co.

### HM - Bella Partington

Arab Elementary  
Marshall Co.

### HM - Shyann Daszczuk

Fruitdale Elementary  
Washington Co.

### HM - Arleigh Mansell

Gordo Elementary  
Pickens Co.

### HM - Gene Baldwin

Crestline Elementary  
Morgan Co.

## POSTER WINNERS 4TH - 6TH

### 1st - Stanley Chen

Bear Exploration Center  
Montgomery Co.

### 2nd - Halle McCrary

Arab Elementary  
Marshall Co.

### 3rd - Lucie Gardner

Hubbertville School  
Fayette Co.

### HM - Naveah Hoobler

Hubbertville School  
Fayette Co.

### HM - Katie Waters

Meek Elementary  
Winston Co.

### HM - Mirfaizan Iqbal

Riverchase Elementary  
Jefferson Co.

## RECYCLED ART WINNERS 7TH - 12TH

### 1st - Skylar Rollins

Brookwood High School  
Tuscaloosa Co.

### 2nd - Bella Ratliff

Thompson High School  
Shelby Co.

### 3rd - Haley Hazelrig

Brookwood High School  
Tuscaloosa Co.

### HM - Mazairo Speigner

Thompson High School  
Shelby Co.

### HM - Ashlynn Stephens and Ethan Pierce

Arab Jr. High  
Marshall Co.



## Steve and Laura Kucinski Spirit of Service Cleanup

We live at 1051 Skipper Road, Dothan Near Rehobeth. My wife and I went out Saturday morning for the Spirit of Service Saturday. We have been here a year and try and keep up with our road when it comes to trash. I have been attending county commission meetings and learned of event although we operated outside of the watch of your organization.

Commissioner Sinqufeld was kind enough to get us some of the clear bags to pick up the trash and a big Thanks to Mr. Marcus Davis, of Taylor Town Council and Davis Weed and Feed, for allowing us to dispose of 9 of the 10 bags we collected in a 3 and a half hour period.

Areas worked were South Park Ave, between Battles and the Pine Tree Line, the intersection of 605 and S. Park, and a section of a Skipper Rd. near our house.



## Dates to remember

### ✓ September 19

Alabama Coastal Cleanup  
Materials And Supplies  
Distribution Day

### ✓ September 21

32nd Alabama Coastal  
Cleanup

### ✓ October 20

Nominations for Clean  
Campus and Governor's  
Awards Due in PALS office

### ✓ November

2019 PALS Governor's  
Awards Program Renaissance  
Hotel/ Montgomery, Alabama



# ALABAMA PALS SPRING CLEANUP

**April 20-27, 2019 - Town of Coffeerville** - 14 People spent 60 hours cleaning  
US84 AL69 AL 154 and collected bags from 3 boxes totaling 4.8 tons.







**April 24, 2019 - Danielville Baptist Church**  
34 People spent 2 hours cleaning Daniel Branch Road and collected 33 bags totaling 420 pounds.



**Town of Fulton – April 26, 2019** – We had three small young boys to help with clean up, two council members, the Town Clerk and some men from our fire department to help. The boys had the best of time picking up trash and calling them self's "litter getters". We got to ride with them in the fire truck to our different locations to pick up trash. A total of 15 people spent 8 hours gathering 26 bags of trash along highway #178.





## HIGHLAND HOME SCHOOL BLUE CREW COUNTY CONTEST



**March 16, 2019 - Highland Home School Blue Crew 1**  
10 People spent 2 hours cleaning Highway 55 - Magnolia Shores Road and collected 19 bags totaling 520 pounds.



**March 22, 2019 - Highland Home School Blue Crew 2**  
10 People spent 1.2 hours cleaning New Bethel Church Road and collected 17 bags totaling 350 pounds.



**March 23, 2019 - Highland Home School Blue Crew 3**  
8 People spent 2 hours cleaning Sardis Road to Wilson Road and collected 23 bags totaling 410 pounds and also picked up 3 tires and a box spring.



**March 30, 2019 - Highland Home School Blue Crew 4**  
5 People spent 2 hours cleaning Oliver Myers Road and collected 20 bags totaling 330 pounds and also picked up 3 tires and a box spring.



**April 5, 2019 - Highland Home School Blue Crew 5**  
7 People spent 2 hours cleaning Magnolia Drive and collected 13 bags totaling 210 pounds and also picked up 3 tires and a box spring.





**Great clean up Saturday April 27 with New Ebenezer Church in Highland Home.**  
Largest one day clean up (4.5 hours) this year with 101 bags, and 1,360 lbs picked up along New Ebenezer Rd. #68. Wesley Boyd did a great job organizing the clean-up!



**April 20, 2019  
Highland Home School  
Blue Crew**

10 People spent 2 hours cleaning Oliver Myers and Wilson Road and collected 27 bags totaling 461 pounds and also picked up 1-tire, vacuum cleaner, metal.



# ALABAMA PALS SPRING CLEANUP



**April 22-26, 2019 - Russell County Sanitation**  
25 People spent 4 hours cleaning Oliver Myers and Wilson Road and collected 500 bags totaling 15,000 pounds (7 tons went to landfill).





Additional Comments \_\_\_\_\_

## Kids pick up Whitesville Rd.

By Anthony Campbell

Kids who run afoul of the law are often sentenced to perform 300 hours of community service. But getting those hours done under adult supervision can be very difficult.

The Marshall County Youth Advocate Program (YAP) has stepped in and started holding litter clean-ups to help the young folks get their hours. They're doing the work in conjunction with Marshall County PALS, the local anti-litter group.

YAP held its first big litter clean-up, picking up litter on Whitesville Road in the vicinity of the Slab Creek bridge. It was a big hit, from the

viewpoint of the kids, juvenile authorities and even the general public who saw the work going on.

"John Penney is heading this up and he asked PALS to name one of the worst littered areas in the county," said Marshall County juvenile probation officer Chuck Knight. "He had 3 or 4 boys with him and they picked up that area. In just 2 days they got 51 bags of trash and 18 tires. And that was just on one side of the road."

While it's a great way for the youth to give back to the community, "the truth is that the best part is them getting to spend time with John Penney," Knight said. "They have some good talks while they work. John is down in the ditch working with

them. The talks teach the boys a little about life. He talks about character and integrity and gives them tips on money."

Knight said the boys get a sense of accomplishment from seeing a job done well.

"They come back and say, 'I am never littering again,'" Knight said.

Penney said a lot of people stopped and spoke to the young men and told them how much they appreciated what they were doing.

Knight said Judge Jay Mastin routinely knocks some time off the service hours requirement when young people do good work like these have done.



Two of the young men who worked in the clean-up are shown with just a bit of the litter the Marshall County Youth Advocate Program picked up on Whitesville Road.

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

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## Record cleanup for Democrats

The Marshall County Democrats have adopted a mile of road to pick up litter on through the Marshall County PALS anti-litter group. The Democrats' mile is on Highway 431 in front of County Park No. 1 north of the river.

They had a litter clean-up there Saturday. Marshall County Democratic leader Susan McKenney said they picked up a group record 68 bags of trash and one tire at the event.

"We thank the almost 40 volunteers who participated, including a group of students from the Students For Earth Club of Guntersville High School and their sponsor," she said. "A special thanks to Marshall County PALS (People Against a Littered State) for joining us as well and providing all the supplies."

In addition to cleaning up litter along the designated Adopt-A-Mile, the volunteers also picked up debris along two miles of shoreline.

Their next scheduled cleanup is June 22.



Several volunteers, including the Guntersville High Students for Earth, joined the Marshall County Democrats in their litter clean-up at County Park No. 1 Saturday.



Pictured with the trash bags picked up by the Marshall County Democrats are Natalie Paschket, president of the Guntersville High Students For Earth Club and Micky Hunt, president of Marshall County PALS and the Democratic Club's litter committee chairperson.





## Southside High AFJROTC

assisted Dallas County  
Commissioner Valerie Reubin in  
cleaning up Dallas County Roads 67  
and 34. Over a three hour period,  
we collected 51 bags of rubbish with  
18 cadets and 3 adults on the roads.



## MUMFORD





## Hands on Birmingham MLK Jr. Day of Service Roadside Cleanup Projects



### Monday, January 21, 2019

This project is being spearheaded by the Village Creek Human and Environmental Justice Society and coordinated by a working committee of various organizations and multiple jurisdictions.

This project consisted of **17 hosting / supporting organizations, 4 volunteer registration locations, 4 communities, 3 jurisdictions, and 2 local schools** coming together to pick up litter along roadways and ditches in the Village Creek Watershed preventing these items from becoming water pollution.

This project was coordinated by a working

committee with representatives from Hands on Birmingham; Jefferson County Commission; Jefferson County Department of Health Watershed Protection Program; Minor Middle School; Minor High School; and Village Creek Human and Environmental Justice Society.

The following areas were targeted:

- Residential roadways and ditches within the Jefferson County communities of Docena, Edgewater B and Mulga Mines. The volunteers for these areas came from the participating communities and Hands on Birmingham.
- New Mulga Loop Road, an arterial roadway. The volunteers for this area came from St. John's Baptist Church, Edgewater B and Hands on Birmingham.
- Minor Parkway; Main Street, Adamsville; Hillcrest Road — all arterial roadways. The volunteers for this area came from the students, teachers and administration from Minor Middle and Minor High Schools along with volunteers from the community at large and Hands on Birmingham.

### PROJECT RESULTS:

- **277 people** (volunteers, administrative and safety support) participated on the day of

the event. (54 with Minor High School; 137 with Docena; 18 with Mulga Mines; 68 with Edgewater B)

- **10.99 tons** of material was picked up by volunteers and properly disposed of by the City of Adamsville and Jefferson County Roads and Transportation Department. (0.58 tons along Minor Parkway; Jefferson County communities collected 6.44 tons in Docena, 2.98 tons in Edgewater B and 0.99 tons in Mulga Mines)
- Traffic control was provided by the City of Adamsville Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.
- Volunteer resources / materials such as trash bags, gloves, trash grabbers, safety t-shirts, back packs, rakes, event shirts, water, snacks, and volunteer lunches were provided by the following: Alabama PALS, Docena Civic League, Hands on Birmingham, Jefferson County Department of Health Watershed Protection Program, Jefferson County Stormwater Program, Shady Grove Baptist Church, St. John's Baptist Church, and Village Creek Human and Environmental Justice Society.



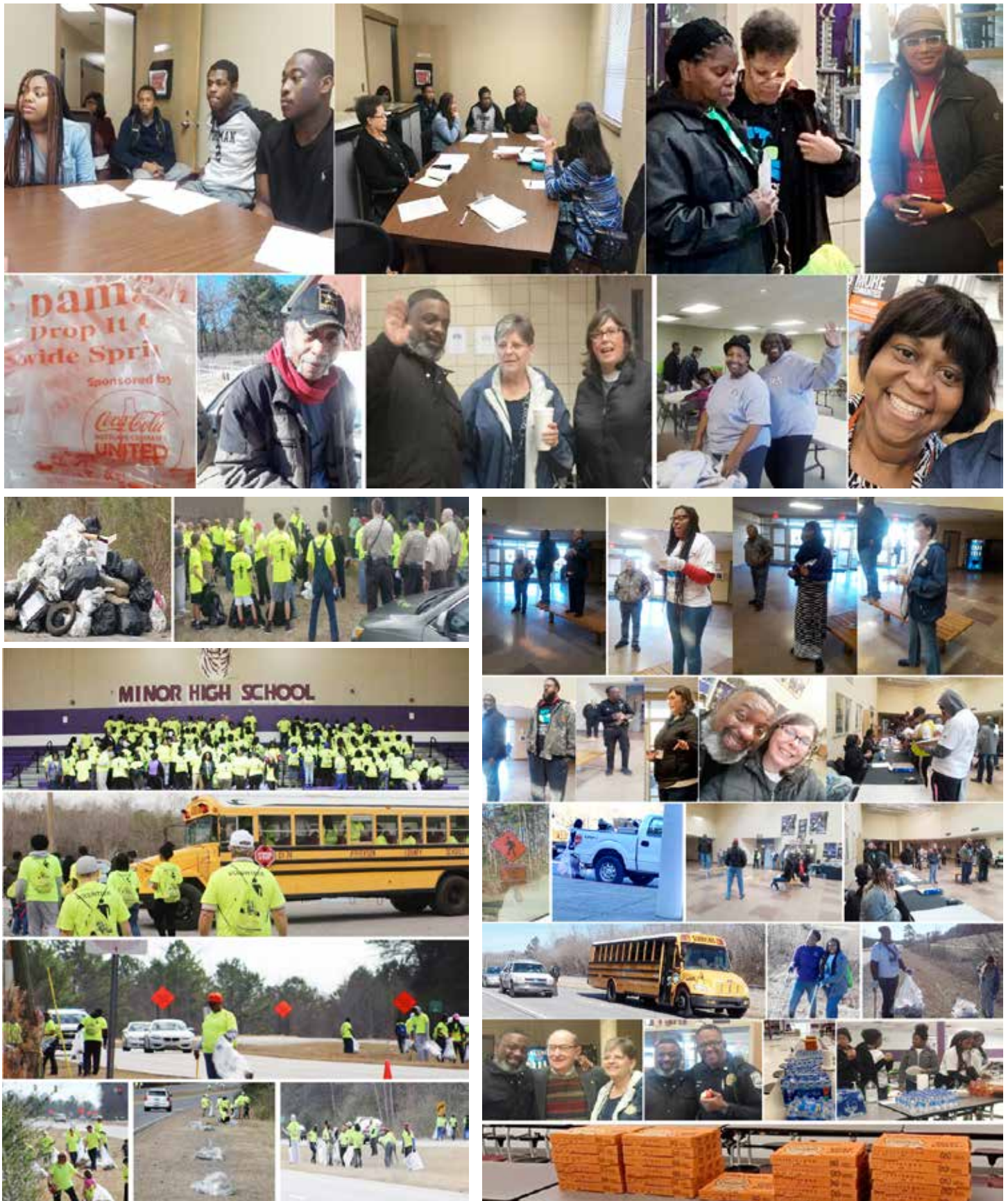


# Village Creek Watershed





## Hands on Birmingham MLK Jr. Day of Service Roadside Cleanup Projects Village Creek Watershed





## Mobile County Cleanup

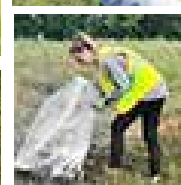




# ALABAMA PALS SPRING CLEANUP









## HUNTERS AGAINST LITTER IN JEFFERSON COUNTY



## TUSCALOOSA

Community weekend cleanup. Groups collected over 200 lbs of litter from the West End of Tuscaloosa.







## LAKE TUSCALOOSA CLEANUP





# SONAH Adopt-a-Mile



Pre-Nursing student Jaelyn Graves and The National Sorority Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Upsilon Chapter President Dr. Dorothy McDonald clean the SONAH Adopt-a-Mile.



**The Power of One!**  
A special Thank you to The National Sorority Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Upsilon Chapter for the water donation.



Pre-Nursing student Jaelyn Graves and The National Sorority Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Upsilon Chapter President Dr. Dorothy McDonald and Academic Success Coordinator Dr. Wadlington clean the SONAH Adopt-a-Mile.





The Ladies of  
**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Gamma Alpha Alpha Zeta Chapter**  
 during Adopt-a-Mile Clean Up.



## HAYDEN ADOPT-A-MILE





## THE 2019 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS PROGRAM



Wednesday, November 13, 2019 • 12 Noon

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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.*

## 2019 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 11, 2019.
6. Statewide winners will be recognized with a handsome plaque to be presented at the PALS Governors Awards Program on **November 13, 2019**.

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







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Phone Number:\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Proposed Stream Crossing:\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_County:\_\_\_\_\_

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

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