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South Charleston High School Student honored for recycling efforts

South Charleston High School sophomore Bailey White is being recognized by the recycling community for his unfailing commitment to the practice, both in school and at home.

The Recycling Coalition of West Virginia named Bailey a “Recycling Champion,” and will honor him during a ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 15th, at South Charleston High.

The Recycling Coalition, in collaboration with the WV Solid Waste Management Board and the state’s 50 solid waste authorities, honors recycling champions from around the state. The Coalition looks for West Virginians who reach beyond their normal responsibilities to contribute time and service to support the recycling industry. These Recycling Champions provide recycling leadership across the state and make a significant contribution to the recycling community.

White’s recycling efforts started at Dunbar Middle School, where he was a member of the school’s Green Team. Recyclables were collected by the Green Team and taken to the Dunbar Public Works Department to be processed. White became known throughout the school and community as the “Recycle Man” complete with a super hero persona.

White made sure the Green Team continued its mission at South Charleston High. The first week of school his freshman year, White visited each classroom and asked teachers if they were interested in placing a recycling container in their room. White then made recycling boxes for each classroom. This year, he has close to 25 rooms at the school where he collects recyclables, with help from his friends.

At home, White collects and exchanges aluminum cans once a year at a recycling center. Last year, he asked for a shredder for Christmas and now insists no paper be thrown in the trash. His plan is to take his shredded material to make fire logs.

The Recycling Coalition of West Virginia is a non-profit, environmental organization that promotes the effective and sustainable reduction, reuse and recycling of materials otherwise destined for disposal. The Recycling Coalition pursues these goals by promoting the purchase of products made with recycled content material; by coordinating and facilitating activities relative to recycling; and by fostering communication among organizations, government agencies and individuals through the sharing of ideas and resources.

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