



# Recycling Coalition of WV, Inc.

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## **James Rumsey Technical Institute honored for recycling**

The Recycling Coalition of West Virginia, in collaboration with the West Virginia Solid Waste Management Board and the state’s 50 solid waste authorities, is honoring **Recycling Champions** who reach beyond their normal responsibilities to contribute time and service to support the recycling industry in the Mountain State. These Recycling Champions provide recycling leadership across the state and make a significant contribution to the recycling community.

James Rumsey Technical Institute is one of several schools in Berkeley County that participates in the “Operation Green Lid Program,” a free recycling program offered by the combined forces of Apple Valley Waste Services and the Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority Recycling Program. Apple Valley donates the free use of recycling totes with green lids, while the Berkeley County Recycling Program accepts the mixed recyclables from the totes for free. Acceptable recyclables are paper, cardboard, plastic 1-7, aluminum and steel cans. Volunteers from the school transport the collected material to the Grapevine Road Recycling Center where totes filled with recyclables are exchanged for empty.

Under the approval of Principal Donna Van Metre and the operational leadership of Instructor Wayne Bennett and assistance with transportation from David Morgans, James Rumsey has achieved the highest rate of recycling of the Berkeley County schools participating in Operation Green Lid. Under ordinary circumstances, volunteers from James Rumsey deliver as many as 12-20 totes filled with recyclables per month. James Rumsey has been participating in the program for over a year. James Rumsey serves high school students from Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan counties and adult students from the four-state area. James Rumsey has made a commitment to excellence in technical and academic education to meet business, industry and governmental needs as well as in our global community.

The Coalition is proud to honor James Rumsey Technical Institute for the support of the Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority Recycling Program. James Rumsey Technical Institute will be honored as a Recycling Champion by the Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority at 11 a.m. on Sept. 7 during the Berkeley County Council meeting, 400 West Stephen St., Suite 201 in Martinsburg.

### **Other 2017 West Virginia Recycling Champions include:**

- Rickey Fisher, nominated by Putnam County Solid Waste Authority
- Marion County Commission, nominated by Marion County Solid Waste Authority
- Moundsville Middle School, nominated by Marshall County Solid Waste Authority

The Recycling Coalition of West Virginia is a non-profit environmental organization whose mission is to promote the effective and sustainable reduction, reuse and recycling of materials otherwise destined for disposal. The Recycling Coalition pursues these goals through the promotion of purchasing 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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