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Moundsville Middle School honored for recycling efforts

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.

The Marshall County Solid Waste Authority will recognize Moundsville Middle School for its innovative approach to building a sustainable recycling program. The program has collected tons of paper and cardboard in the past three years. School Principal Sandy McAllister fosters responsible citizens all year long. Students are instructed on what is recyclable and what is not. Not only paper is collected, but carboard boxes from food and supplies are also recycled. Special needs students announce and move recycling from the hallway to the collection trailer they have affectionately named “Ruthie.” More than just making students conscious of the environment, this program promotes pride and the ability to accomplish tasks.

Moundsville Middle’s program enriches the students with special needs, who make it happen. Students benefit intrinsically, as well as the school financially, as funds from recycling are used for Earth Day materials and other small projects.

The Coalition is proud to honor Moundsville Middle for the steadfast support of the Marshall County Solid Waste Authority Recycling Program. Moundsville Middle will be honored as a Recycling Champion during the Marshall County Board of Education meeting at 7 p.m. on Sept. 26 at 214 Middle Grave Creek Road, Moundsville.

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

James Rumsey Technical Institute, nominated by Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority

Marion County Commission, nominated by Marion County Solid Waste Authority

 Rickey S. Fisher, nominated by Putnam 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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