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Hampshire County Teacher Honored for Recycling Efforts

The Recycling Coalition of West Virginia, in collaboration with the state’s 50 solid waste authorities, will honor Hampshire County teacher Gayle Allen as a **Recycling Champion** during a 6:30 p.m. ceremony on Monday, Sept. 21 at the Hampshire County School Board chambers in Romney.

Recycling Champions are West Virginians 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.

Allen has been an educator in Hampshire County for 32 years. During that time, she has encouraged her students and peers to recognize the value of environmental education and the importance of recycling. She is currently a kindergarten teacher at Springfield-Green Spring Elementary, where she oversees the school’s participation in the plastic film recycling challenge through the Trex company. The top two schools that collect and recycle the most plastic film receive a Trex bench.

Over the past five years, Springfield-Green Spring Elementary has received three benches and will receive a fourth for winning the 2020 challenge for the Mid-Atlantic region for schools with an enrollment under 350 students.

Allen not only inspires her students and peers, but the entire community. She keeps thousands of pounds of plastic from entering the landfills. Her continued commitment to recycling is a great example for us all.

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 by promoting the purchase of products made with recycled materials; 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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