



TEXAS ENVIROTHON

RICHARDSON HIGH SCHOOL WINS AT 2024 TEXAS ENVIROTHON

North Texas team to represent the state at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, New York

Richardson High School claimed the top spot at the 2024 Texas Envirothon, held April 13–15 in Longview.. The competition, aimed at testing high school students’ knowledge and skills in environmental science and natural resource management, saw teams from across the state vying for the top spot. Eastman hosted the event at the Eastman Nature Center and sponsored the awards banquet.

The winning team from Richardson, composed of Charlie Goranson, Josh Hamilton, Henry Kirkland, Evan Scott, and Nicholas Webb, clinched the championship title. South Texas ISD Science Academy (STISDSA) secured second place with Academy of Science and Technology (AST) rounding out the top three.

Wendy Reistle, program coordinator of the Texas Envirothon, emphasized the importance of the competition in exposing students to environmental career opportunities. She commended the participants for their enthusiasm and commitment to learning.

Under the guidance of advisors Tony Strohmeyer and Alisa Salvans, the Richardson High School team will advance to the NCF-Envirothon in Geneva, New York, where they will compete for scholarships and recognition against teams from other states and Canadian provinces.

In addition to the overall winners, specific category honors were awarded to Richardson High School’s Soil Sommeliers for excelling in Aquatics and Wildlife. The team tied with AST’s Alligator Gars in Current Issue, while Forestry honors went to AST’s Esperanzas. The

STISDSA Gray Dragons secured first place in the Oral Presentation category, while fellow teams Black Dragons and Green Dragons tied in Soils.

Eleven teams representing six Texas high schools participated in the competition. Participating schools were Academy of Science and Technology, The Woodlands; Carroll Senior High School, Southlake; Fulshear High School, Fulshear; Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School, Dallas; Richardson High School, Richardson; and South Texas ISD Science Academy, Mercedes.

We thank all the wonderful volunteers for making this event possible. Special thanks to our guest speakers, test writers and graders: Michelle Holyfield, Alex Stanton, Dr. Kathleen Garland, Dr. Daniel Colopietro, Sara Russell, Tyson Hart, Donna Work, Daniel Duncum, Chris Kirby, David Campbell and Lane Neely, Penny Wilkerson, Brenda Cooper, Daniel Rios, Brandon Sebren, and Diane Ross at Caddo Lake State Park.

ABOUT ENVIROTHON

Envirothon is an academic, extra-curricular environmental and natural resource education program and competition designed for high school students. Teams composed of five students answer questions focusing on five areas of study: aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, and the current environmental issue. In addition to the field experience, students also participate in an oral component focusing on a real-world environmental problem.

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