



## TEXAS ENVIROTHON

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### TEXAS ENVIROTHON RECEIVES AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

High school competition recognized for achievements in environmental education

Houston, TX, 1BOctober 15, 2015—Texas Envirothon was honored with an Award of Excellence by the Texas Association of Environmental Professionals during a luncheon of the Environmental Challenges and Innovations Conference on October 6, 2015, in Houston. Representing TEAP, Jim Dobberstine, President and Education Director, presented the award to Wendy Reistle, Texas Envirothon’s Program Coordinator.

Texas Envirothon is the first recipient of this special award. Dobberstine also presented Reistle an additional donation to the program in the amount of \$1000.

“We are excited and grateful to TAEP for this generous recognition of the Texas Envirothon program,” said Reistle. “TAEP is helping to provide high school students from across the state with the ability to apply scientific knowledge and creativity when developing innovative and sustainable solutions to major environmental challenges. We are extremely honored to be recognized by TAEP,” said Reistle.

Dobberstine had the opportunity to visit the Texas Envirothon during the April competition in Kerrville. He summarized his experience in a message on the TAEP website.

“These students are true standouts and great representatives of just how excellent our Texas students can be,” said Dobberstine, who served as a judge for the oral competition. “I was thoroughly impressed by the sophistication and ability of these students to solve complex problems and develop professional proposals for implementing truly viable, well-considered solutions,” said Dobberstine.

TAEP, a long-term supporter of the Texas Envirothon, sponsors programs for high school level students interested in careers in the environmental field.

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.



**Wendy Reistle, Program Coordinator of Texas Envirothon, accepts the Award of Excellence in Environmental Education from Jim Dobberstine, President of TAEP.**

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