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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Saskatchewan Sustainability Awards

The Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development in Saskatchewan congratulates 23 worthy projects that will be recognized at its 10th Recognition Awards.

Taking place on Wednesday, May 2 in Stockholm, Saskatchewan, these awards recognize the achievements of individuals, organizations and groups that are making our province more sustainable. The projects educate, encourage and engage others in local action that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The local host, Macdonald School, is one such example. Macdonald School has implemented an Outdoor Experiential Education Program for its students that consists of many developed and natural outdoor spaces designed to promote students going outdoor to learn within and about the out of doors. Their learning centre includes an outdoor classroom with a brick amphitheatre, storage barn, nature trails, teepees, a greenhouse & flower gardens and a Mental Health Gazebo.

The complete list of 2018 Education for Sustainable Development award recipients is listed below. Helping to present to the recipients will be His Honour the Honourable W. Thomas Molloy, O.C., S.O.M., Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan.

- Our Common Future: Undergraduate Symposium on Environment and Sustainability at the University of Saskatchewan
- Craik Angels For Warmth
- SaskPower Efficiency Partners Program
- A Blanket of Warmth For Our Nations Homes
- Earth Connections Community Growing Project
- Evaluation of a Decentralized Greywater Reclamation System for a Sustainable Campus Community
- Regina Food Bank's Four Season Urban Agriculture Project
- Louis' Campus (U of S) Pub Sustainability Programme
- Macdonald School Outdoor Experiential Education Program
- Meatless Mondays in Luther Cafeteria on the U of R campus

- Towards a Prairie Atonement, a book by Trevor Harriot
- Calling for a Sustainable Quill Lakes Solution
- University of Saskatchewan Recycling Outreach and Communications Update
- Indian Head High School Tipi Camp 2018
- Renewable Rides
- SaskPower's Retail Discount Program In-Store Education
- University of Regina Sustainable Solid Waste Management Workshops
- The Saskatchewan Polytechnic Upcycle Fundraiser Challenge
- Grayson School Outdoor Learning
- Voluntary Sector Studies Network (VSSN) at Luther College at the University of Regina
- Blue Planet Utility Corp - Sask Site 01
- City of Saskatoon Climate Action Plan – Public Engagement & Awareness Campaign
- URSU Threads, Free clothing for Students!

This year the *Lyle Benko Future Generations Award* will be granted to two worthy recipients. This special award is delivered to a project led by a K-12 teacher/educator/student for their outstanding contributions to Education for Sustainable Development in Saskatchewan. The award was created and named in memory of RCE Saskatchewan's co-ordinator and founding member, Lyle Benko. In 2018 the recipients are the Macdonald School Outdoor Experiential Education Program and the Indian Head High School Tipi Camp.

Project representatives will be recognized at a formal ceremony beginning at 9:30 am in the gymnasium at Macdonald School. Lunch for all guests follows. During the afternoon, participants will tour the Macdonald School outdoor classroom and interact with students. They will then be bussed to Esterhazy to visit the Saskatchewan Potash Interpretive Centre and Esterhazy Museum. The afternoon concludes with a presentation from Dr. Charles Hopkins, UNESCO Chair in Reorienting Teacher Education for Sustainability.

Those interested in attending should rsvp to [rcesk.event@gmail.com](mailto:rcesk.event@gmail.com). Attending the awards ceremony is free of charge while joining us for the entire day, including lunch, is only \$25.

Event information is available on-line at [www.rceskrecognitionevent.com](http://www.rceskrecognitionevent.com)

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