

# DELAWARE ENVIROTHON 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

*27 Years of Outstanding Environmental Education*



## Charter School of Wilmington Team A Wins Event



Charter School of Wilmington Team A



The St. Jones Estuarine Research Reserve in Dover was the setting for the 2022 competition which marked the school's 20th win in the event's 27-year history. Peach Blossom 4-H Club came in second place and the Odessa High School FFA team placed third. The event is a program of the Delaware Association of Conservation Districts and supported by many sponsors.



Peach Blossom 4-H Club

“In total, ten teams of Delaware students were challenged to apply their environmental knowledge to plan and present inventive solutions to present-day environmental situations - and I would like to congratulate all of them for stepping up to the challenge,” said DNREC Secretary Shawn M. Garvin. “These students are today’s young environmental stewards, and I look forward to seeing them taking leadership roles to help ensure the future.”

The ten competing Envirothon teams represented six high schools (including three FFA programs) and one 4-H club statewide - Calvary Christian Academy, Charter School of Wilmington, Newark Charter School, Odessa High School, Smyrna High School, Sussex Tech High School and Peach Blossom 4-H Club.

Each member of the winning team received a \$500 scholarship for college and the team received an award plaque for their school.

The second through seventh place teams received cash awards totaling more than \$1,300.

Since its inception the Envirothon has awarded \$62,500 in college scholarships.

The Charter School of Wilmington Team A represented Delaware in the International NCF Envirothon held at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio the last week of July. The team placed 14th out of 40 teams from the United States, Canada, and China. Congratulations!



Odessa High School FFA



# Delaware Envirothon Teams - New Castle County



L to R: Claire Andreasen, Tiffany Situ, Mukta Kantank, Meghna Raj Annasagaram, and Erica Hong. Charter School of Wilmington Team A



L to R: Michaela Somers, Siddhi Dinavahi, Joanna Tan, Amogh Baradwaj, and Pragya Singh. Charter School of Wilmington Team B



L to R: Mikul Duggal, Khai McCaskill, Arjan Kahlon, Dharshini Senthilnathan, and Rakshetha Balaji of Charter School of Wilmington Team C



L to R: Jared Murray, Samita Bomasamudram, Anna Gliwa, Amber Gray, and Benjamin Schultz of Newark Charter High School CliMates



Far left photo, L to R: Brady Doyle, Bianca Soutar, Adam Narvaez, Matthew Parsons, and Grace Ferry of Newark Charter High School Green Goddesses



Near left photo, L to R: Ella Vandervort, Nathalie Holdren, Bruce Macolley, Taylor Mahoney, and Kaelin Desrosiers of Odessa FFA

## Thank you to our Team Advisors

Greg Darone and Xuan Bui  
Charter School of Wilmington

Erica Miller  
Newark Charter High School

Jeff Billings  
Odessa High School

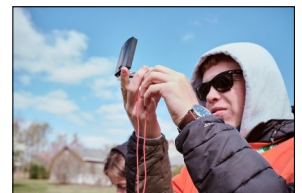
Jennifer Holmes and Debbie Bosco  
Calvary Christian Academy

Elaine Webb and Leslie Webb  
Peach Blossom 4-H

Jennifer Taylor  
Smyrna High School

G. L. Jefferson  
Sussex Tech High School

Alexis Clay  
Middletown High School  
(unable to participate after registering an FFA team)





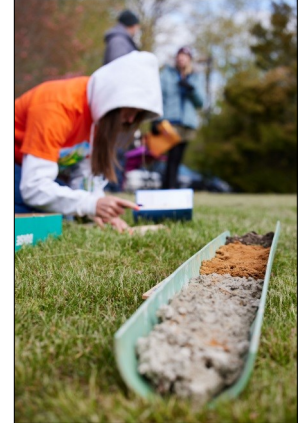
# Delaware Envirothon Teams - Kent and Sussex Counties



L to R: Elijah Washington, Dawson Shahan, Michelle Thomas, Kayleigh Young, and John Thomas of Calvary Christian Academy Tree Champs



L to R: Joshua Allen, Michael Slawik, Geneva Catts, Colin McBride, and Rayne Thompson of Smyrna FFA



L to R: Bethany Knutsen, Leighton Webb, Aidan Garey, Brielle Carter, and Brenna Geidel of Peach Blossom 4-H Club



L to R: Morgan Lowe, Nolan Hilton, Annabella Freeman-Hill, Jeremy Vest, Brock O'Day and Advisor G.L. Jefferson of Sussex Tech FFA

## Past to Present: Going Full Circle by Rick Mickowski



Dean C. Belt

It was an honor and pleasure to see Dean C. Belt at our 2022 Delaware Envirothon. Dean served as the founder and first Chair of the Envirothon program beginning in the early 1990's. I have had the honor of serving on the Envirothon Planning Committee since before the first event was held, so going back almost 30 years. One of my first experiences was scouting out the National Envirothon in Asheville, NC in 1994. Thanks to all who serve on our planning committee to keep the Delaware Envirothon thriving.



Rick Mickowski



# Delaware Envirothon

The Delaware Envirothon is a program of DACD  
Delaware Association of Conservation Districts  
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Laurel Sullivan, Aquatic Ecology  
Adam Schlachter, Current Issue  
Chelsea Hudson, Sussex Conservation District  
Dastina Wallace, USDA NRCS Public Affairs and Outreach



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**Income**  
\$14,279.76  
**Expenditures**  
\$25,391.36



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