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## America Recycles Day Billboard Contest Winners Announced

The [winning artwork](#) of a Robert Smalls International Academy student was unveiled on the County's Facebook page after being selected as the top design in the County's first annual America Recycles Day billboard contest.

The winner of the billboard contest was 7th grade student, Cheyene Ly. Her design will be displayed on a billboard in Beaufort County in Spring 2017.

The billboard contest, coordinated by the Beaufort County Public Works Department Solid Waste and Recycling Office, was held in celebration of America Recycles Day.

"The students played an important role in educating the community on the importance of recycling," said Ashley Jenkins, Beaufort County Recycling Coordinator. "We can't thank them enough."

The contest was developed to help promote, educate and bring awareness to middle school students and the community on the importance of recycling.

All winners received a certificate and has their work displayed on the County's website and Facebook page. The top entries are listed below.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Cheyene Ly
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Malina Bennett-Hart
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Jourdin Davis

The following students earned "honorable mention" reviews.

- Tekera Brown
- Jaili Lopez
- George Luna

"It is necessary that we educate the public on the importance of keeping recyclable materials out of the landfills," Jenkins said. "The ultimate goal is to have a clean and sustainable environment."

Beaufort County Public Works Department Solid Waste and Recycling Office provides environmental education opportunities to schools in Beaufort County area. For more information, call **843-255-2823** or visit [www.bcgov.net/recycle](http://www.bcgov.net/recycle).

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2016 billboard contest winners from Robert Smalls International Academy show their awards with school administrators and staff. Students pictured from left to right: Jaiili Lopez, Malina Bennett-Hart, George Luna, Tekera Brown, Cheyene Ly (overall winner).



Student Cheyene Ly poses with Ashley Jenkins, Beaufort County Recycling Coordinator