



**23<sup>rd</sup> Environmental Essay Award Ceremony**



**The Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee [WTEAC] held its 23rd Annual Environmental Essay Awards Ceremony at Wall High School on Thursday, May 18, 2017. The WTEAC, sponsor of the event, was delighted to present first-place winners with a \$50 check, while all winners received a certificate and ribbon.**



On behalf of the WTEAC, Chairwoman Morrissey congratulated the winners on their written essays and expressed the pride of the Environmental Committee on their essay achievements. She stated that the goal of environmental awareness was significantly achieved by the fact that in 23 years, we have had 368 winners, not counting all other submitted essays that did not place. She also commented on the importance of communication and emphasized how their writing skills would help them in the future.

Chairwoman Morrissey announced the winners while Mayor Nick DiRocco awarded the winners with their certificates. Deputy Mayor Tim Farrell presented the students with their ribbons, and Committeeman Kevin Orender gave the first place winners their checks.



Mrs. Morrissey presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Mairo in recognition of his service in coordinating the essay contest and for contributing to the excellent partnership between the environmental committee and Wall High School.



Congratulations and words of wisdom from Mayor Nick DiRocco, Deputy Mayor Tim Farrell, Committeeman Kevin Orender and Committeewoman Ann Marie Conte were imparted to the students as well as from teacher Joe Mairo and school officials. Three of the first place winners discussed their take away message from their first-place essays.

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**The 2017 high school essay winners are:**

**Grade 9**

1	Kelly Craig	Untitled
2	Gianna Kuttin	Untitled
3	McKenzie DiStefano	Air Pollution
HM	Megan Tronolone	Climate Change Has An <i>Air</i> , It's Not Fair!

**Grade 10**

1	Julia Jankowski	Coral Bleaching
2	Catelynn Pasterchick	The Importance of Biodiversity
3	Chris Cowie	Renewable Energy
HM	Allie Fitch	Water Pollution

**Grade11**

1	Matthew Pringle	Shark River
2	Elizabeth Perry	Iceland: Fueling Change to Better the World
3	Katherine Kile	Back to Basics
HM	Camille Hettwer	Untitled

**Grade 12**

1	Emily Megill	Microplastic Pollution
2	Sahil Parikh	Animal Poaching
3	Amanda Cheche	Water
HM	Cailyn Kiewe	Untitled