

George Washington Carver Middle School

Awards

2014 – 2015

Fairchild Challenge

- Backyard Biodiversity – Second Place
- Adopt-A-Tree: Flyer Design – Special Merit for “Creativity”
- Plant Explorers and Science Discoveries – First Place
- Plants and Their Pollinators Special Merit for “Best Gray Pencil Drawing”
- Green Treasures – First Place
- Gardens and Green Spaces: Visit via Video – Special Merit for “Edible Garden & Butterfly Habitat”
- Conservation Plan: Biodiversity Study – Special Merit for “Realistic & Attainable Goals”
- Silver Award Winner – Among the six top-scoring schools in the county

Carver was one of the top 6 highest scoring schools in the Fairchild Challenge this year. The Silver Level award of \$500 was the result of collaboration between students and teachers in the Environmental Club, Gifted, Music, Art, Science, French, Spanish and Language Arts Departments. **Mrs. Llewellyn** was chosen as Carver's teacher Environmental Role Model and **Maycie Malkin** was our Student Environmental Role Model this year.

Our most successful Challenges included the following:

1. The French and Spanish students earned 1st place for their Ethnobotany newsletter. Gifted resource student, **Jonmarcos Hernandez**, won first place for his illustrated History of the Potato story.
2. The Musical Theater students won second place for their Backyard Biodiversity skit. The Environmental Club's garden video won Special Merit for their Edible Garden and Butterfly Habitat.
3. Arianne Pena filmed and edited the video. Garden report writers included **Sofia Rebull**, **Ellie Morris**, **Carolina de-Sa**, **Ellington Hudspeth** and **Maycie Malkin**.
4. Art student, **Anise Arnold**, won a Special Merit award for her Adopt a Tree flyer design.

5. **Susan Fernandez** won a Special Merit award for the best gray pencil Plant Pollinator drawing.

6. Carver won 2nd place for the Biodiversity Conservation Plan which was written by **Sofia Rebull, Arianne Pena, Maycie Malkin** and **Nicole Marino**. Maycie Malkin and Nicole Marino analyzed biodiversity data collected by 174 music, gifted and art students.

The following students also helped Carver earn the Silver Award:

Carolina Paniagua represented Carver in the Lizards on the Loose Citizen Science Project Challenge.

Maycie Malkin and **Alex Abello** were our representatives in the Green Cuisine Challenge.

Drawings by **Imgard Bonheur, Maya Damski** and **Lola Acuna** earned high scores for Carver, as well.

Science Awards

- Broadcom MASTERS 2014 Finalist – **Linus Freyer**, 8th grader – Project Title: *Who Wants to Eat Horse?: Accuracy of Meat Declaration in Lasagna*
- Broadcom MASTERS 2014 Semifinalist – **Bibi Moghani**
- 2015 Science Fair Results (District)
 - **Sophie Sepehri** – Superior – Going on to State Competition
 - **Thomas Byrd** – Excellent
 - **Angelina Contreras** – Honorable Mention
 - **Maya Damski** – Honorable Mention
 - **Valentin Einfeldt** – Excellent
 - **Lorenzo Gregori** – Excellent
 - **Angie Lopez** – Excellent
 - **Justin Lopez** – Honorable Mention
 - **Julian Meunier** – Excellent
 - **Hanna Miranda** – Excellent
 - **Carolina Paniagua** – Excellent
 - **Sutton Payne** – Excellent
 - **David Schechter** – Honorable Mention
 - **Benjamin Skromne** – Superior

Dream in Green Award – Certificate for Energy Efficiency & Conservation

Math

- Middlelementary Bonanza
 - 6th grade **Kevin Wu** – 5th place individual
 - 6th grade **Mike Zhou** – 6th place individual
 - 6th grade **Mike Zhou, Mahit Kattkola, Shreyanshu Ray,** and **Sophia Leng** – 3rd place team
 - 7th grade **Sahmita Popuri** – 10th place individual

Sports

- Boys Cross Country JV – County Runner Up
- Girls Cross Country V – 3rd place in county
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Art

- Beaux Arts Student Showcase
 - **Kathryna Reiz** (8th Grade) 1st Place Award - \$100 check
 - **Christopher Consolo** (7th Grade) artwork accepted in show

Music

- Fairchild Challenge – 2nd Place for skit on biodiversity called “Pollination Party”.
- MDCPS’s Superintendent’s Honors Orchestra
 - **Chantal Busted** – violin
 - **Mike Zhou** – violin
 - **Nidia Volmar** – cello
- All-Star Honors Orchestra – Chantal Busted

Gifted

- Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition: Creative Writing Awards:
 - First Place – **Aya Hamza, Natalia Lopez, Varsha Udayakumar, Sofia Ramos**
 - Second Place – **Hermes Heckstall, Nicole Marino, Alexander Sutton, Shreyanshu Ray**

- Third Place – **Juliana Agudelo**
- Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition: Fair Memory Poems Awards:
 - First Place – **Nicole Marino**
 - Second Place – **Paul Lennon**
- Model United Nations Awards:
 - General Assembly: Protection of World Cultural & National Heritage
 - Best Delegate Award: **Christopher Badillo** and **Alexander Sutton**
 - Honorable Mention Awards:
 - **Natalia Lopez** and **Rebecca Agostina**
 - **Joaquin Bierman** and **Louis LaFontissee**
 - **Livia Caputo** and **Nicole Marino**
 - **Louis Garcia-Sarabia** and **Jonmarcos Hernandez**
- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean: *International Migration*
 - Honorable Mention Awards: **Aya Hamza** and **Lea Rabaron**

Language Arts

Andrew Aramayo – Recognized in DC for Do the Write Thing

Service Awards

- Walter B. Arnold, Jr. Youth Hall of Fame Community Service Award Winner – **Alyssa Cerber**
- **Joaquin Bierman** – finalist for the 2015 Theodore Gibson Oratorical Competition

Teacher Awards

- Chapter 317 Teacher of the Year 2015 K-8 by the Air Force Association-Homestead – **Dr. Guillermo Garcia**
- Dade County Science Teachers Association Middle School Science Teacher of the Year – **Dr. Guillermo Garcia**
- **Bertha Vazquez** – State Finalist for the 2015 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching (PAMST)