

Sat., November 18, people from all over Oklahoma joined together to celebrate environmental excellence across the state.

Keep Oklahoma Beautiful hosted its 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Excellence Celebration at the Embassy Suites in Norman. This event celebrates the work of governments, businesses, organizations, and individuals doing their part to keep Oklahoma beautiful.

We are proud to announce this year's Board Commendation Award Winners and the Environmental Excellence Competition Award Winners. All finalists and winners were recognized at Saturday's event, which nearly 600 guests attended. Congratulations to these award winners for their inspiring efforts!

**BOARD COMMENDATION WINNERS**

*Towering Spirit*

**Margaret Annis Boys Trust**

*Visionary Leadership*

**Sustainable Tulsa**

*Vanguard Award*

**American Waste Control**

*Champion Volunteer*

**Donna Mackiewicz**

*Lifetime Achievement*

**Regina Turrentine**

**ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE COMPETITION WINNERS**

*Affiliate Champions*

**Suzy Meibergen – Keep Enid Beautiful**

**Janice Sappington – Ardmore Beautification Council**

**Patricia Hardy – Owasso Strong Neighborhood Initiative**

**Patty Daniel – Team Up to Clean Up**

*Youth Achievement*

**McAlester High School Student Council**

*K-12 Education*

**Durant Intermediate School Green Team**

*Collegiate Effort*

**Oklahoma Panhandle State University Upward Bound**

*Government Programs, Service Population < 40,000*  
**Owasso Strong Neighborhood Initiative**

*Government Programs, Service Population > 40,000*  
**City of Midwest City**

*State Government Programs*  
**Grand River Dam Authority**

*Law Enforcement Individual*  
**Deputy Jacob Briggs**

*Law Enforcement Program*  
**ODEQ Criminal Investigations Unit**

*Business*  
**Queen Bri's Honey Farm and Bee Removal**

*Fresh Paint Days – Best Visual Impact*  
**Collinsville Downtown, Inc.**

*UnCapped*  
**Lorrie Buettner's 5th Grade – Cashion Elementary**

*Do Your Art*  
**Elizabeth Callicoat's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Durant Middle School**

*OGE GAC Innovation*  
**Adair Co. Trash Off**

*ODOT TRASH-OFF Rookie Award*  
**Garber 4-H**

*ODOT TRASH-OFF Best Overall*  
**Team Up to Clean Up**

*GAC Overall Achievement*  
**Durant Area Chamber of Commerce**

*Nonprofits, Service Population Under 15,000*  
**Wagoner Switch District**

*Nonprofits, Service Population 15,001-40,000*  
**Pride in McAlester**

*Nonprofits, Service Population >40,000*

**Special Care**

*Volunteer Community Group*

**Blue River Fly Fishers**

*Team Builders*

**Martin Park Nature Center Revitalization: OK Forestry Services, OKC Beautiful, Warren CAT, P&K Equipment, OKC Parks and Recreation, Premier Truck Group, Oklahoma Environmental Management Authority, OKC Community Foundation**

*Affiliate of the Year*

**Okeene Historic Preservation Group**

*Best of the Environmental Best*

**Durant Intermediate School Green Team**

For 27 years, Keep Oklahoma Beautiful has been recognizing Oklahomans who support the mission to empower Oklahoma citizens to preserve and enhance the state's natural beauty and ensure a healthy, sustainable environment.

As stated by KOB Executive Director Jeanette Nance, "Here at Keep Oklahoma Beautiful we are about communities, not profit," said Jeanette Nance, Executive Director of Keep Oklahoma Beautiful. "When disconnected people come together as a community with a cause, we change the face of our Oklahoma. I absolutely love this event where we can honor so many deserving groups for the good they do all across Oklahoma."