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Keep Texas Beautiful Honors Youth and Educators
Statewide winners will be recognized for achievements

[AUSTIN] – Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2018 Keep Texas Beautiful Awards for Youth and Educators. The award program recognizes the efforts of young people, educators and educational institutions that promote beautification, waste reduction and litter prevention through environmental education and community activism. Award winners have been named in several categories:

The **Ruthe Jackson Youth Leadership Awards** recognize the efforts and leadership of young people and youth-oriented organizations who beautify their community and create cleaner, greener campuses, parks and neighborhoods.

- Youth Individual – Asvini Thivakaran, Round Rock
- Youth Organization – Texas State University H.E.A.T., San Marcos

The **Sadie Ray Graff Awards** recognize the efforts of educators and educational institutions who encourage youth involvement and promote the Keep Texas Beautiful mission through environmental education. The award honors Sadie Ray Graff, an educator in San Antonio, who began using the *Waste In Place* curriculum in 1979.

- Educator – Roy Vu, Irving
- Educational Institution – Immaculate Conception Catholic School, Denton

In addition to the award recognition, a cash prize will be awarded to the first place winner at the Keep Texas Beautiful 51st Annual Conference in Georgetown scheduled for June 11-13, 2018.

A full list of winners and award descriptions may be found at <https://ktb.org/ktbawards>.

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About Keep Texas Beautiful

Keep Texas Beautiful is a network of dedicated Texans working together to make our state the best place to live, work and play. We equip local partners and affiliates with the tools they need to build vibrant, engaged communities. Founded in 1967, Keep Texas Beautiful has more than 50 years of experience deploying resources for local clean-up, recycling and youth engagement efforts. Everything we do is focused on mobilizing volunteers to take action across the state. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit, we lead nearly 400 affiliates and reach 19 million Texans annually. We are proudly based in Austin, Texas. For more information, visit www.ktb.org or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @keepTXbeautiful.