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*Alex Del Castillo Honored with The Volunteer Leadership Award
by the Carolina Recycling Association*

The Carolina Recycling Association honored Alex Del Castillo with the Volunteer Leadership Award during its Annual Conference and Trade Show on March 25th in Myrtle Beach, SC.

The Volunteer Leadership Award honors a person and/or group who have successfully promoted recycling and waste reduction in their community, school, club, or organization through volunteer work.

Alex Del Castillo is the president of the Recycling Team at Early College High School. As president, he educates others about the importance of taking care of the environment. He teaches his peers and his community the dos and don'ts of recycling. He and his teammates make signage for recycling and environmentally friendly practices to be used throughout the school and the community.

During the 2013-2014 school year, Early College High School recycled an estimated 13,000 pounds of plastic, metal, cardboard, and paper. Mr. Castillo reports, advertises, and spreads the word of their recycling and waste reduction activities via Facebook and a website managed by him. He also organizes Family Night where he gets parents, siblings, and his peers to "Pledge to Recycle" and gives out information on what can be recycled in Horry County. Mr. Castillo has proven that through dedication and a passion for the environment, successful and sustainable recycling and waste reduction programs do work at school.

Mr. Castillo is also very involved with his community. He has organized many clean ups at other schools, beaches, and rivers. He volunteers to educate visitors at Baby Animal Day and Swampfest events held at Playcard Environmental Center. He repurposes items, such as can tabs into bracelets to be sold to raise funds for Street Reach, an organization that aides the homeless. He also gathers newspapers to be utilized at the Humane Society as bedding for animals. He has a passion to educate anyone he comes in contact with about the importance of recycling and litter prevention.

For more information, please contact the CRA's Awards Committee:
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The Carolina Recycling Association (CRA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established to advance waste reduction and recycling in the Carolinas. The CRA is supported by a community of people - multi-national corporations, small businesses, local government, state government agencies, and individuals across the Carolinas who are committed to waste reduction and recycling efforts. With over 300 member organizations (over 800 individuals), the CRA is ever growing and changing to benefit our members and the recycling industry. Find out more about CRA's work and how to join at www.cra-recycle.org.



Victoria Johnson accepts the 2015 Volunteer Leadership Award on behalf of Alex Del Castillo from Carolina Recycling Association President Patrick Darrow.