



## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

February 26, 1973

## PRESIDENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL MERIT AWARDS PROGRAM

TO: Richard Fairbanks

FROM: Dorothy Goodknight

SUBJECT: President's Environmental Merit Award Program

In response to your request for current status of PEMAP and for outstanding projects where the President might personally assist the program, by separate cover we have sent to your office award applications from:

- 1) Greenport High School  
Greenport, New York

Project: "Greenport Nature Study Area"

Presentation Date: March 1, 1973

(you will notify me should Mr. Jantzen  
be telephoned to postpone this date)

- 2) Columbia School  
Portland, Oregon

Project: "Columbia School Arboretum"

Presentation Date: Spring 1973

- 3) Huffman High School  
Birmingham, Alabama

Project: "Huffman High Outdoor Laboratory"

Presentation Date: May 1973

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- 4) Foxborough High School  
Foxborough, Massachusetts

Project: "Fishes and Herpetofauna of the  
Great Woods of Mansfield"

Presentation date: June 1973

- 5) Edward R. Johnstone School  
Vineland, New Jersey

Project: "Making a nature trail in wooded  
area near school"

Presentation date: Open

- 6) Charles W. Bush School  
Wilmington, Delaware

Project: "Operation Woodlawn"

Presentation date: Open

During March we expect the bulk of our award applications to come through. We will continue to make copies and forward outstanding projects to your office.

cc

Ginger Savell  
Jim Barnes



# air pollution control association

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Reply to;

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April 28, 1973

Mr. Richard M. Fairbanks  
 Associate Director  
 Domestic Council  
 The White House  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fairbanks:

Thank you for your letter of March 23, and the information you sent me on the President's Environmental Award Program. While in Washington early this month, I discussed it with Mrs. Dorothy Goodknights.

This information has now been given to Mrs. Sandi Knudson, who is charge of elementary and high school education activities for APCA. We plan to try to get all of our sections involved in the President's program, so that you will be hearing further from Mrs. Knudson.

Thank you for the cooperation you have given us.

Sincerely,

*David M. Benforado*

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

May 14, 1973

MEMORANDUM THRU: Richard Fairbanks

FOR: Julie Eisenhower

SUBJECT: Invitation for the President to Speak at the McDonnell  
Avenue School, Los Angeles

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The McDonnell Avenue School, 4535 East First Street, Los Angeles, California, is having a Pemap presentation on May 29, 1973 at 10:00 AM. (They invited the President and indicated that they would change the date and time if he could participate and I'm sure that holds for Julie.)

The school has an enrollment of about 300. This number is about evenly divided between the orthopedically handicapped and the trainable, mentally retarded.

The students cleaned up the school yard and the community. They built planters for plants. They have cultivated a vegetable garden. They planted a lawn and built a six foot high cedar fence to provide pasture land for school animals. Many teachers have mini-gardens made by the students in their rooms.

There are, of course, hundreds of Pemap presentations around the country at this time, but these children are certainly deserving of special recognition. I know they would be very proud to have a member of the First Family with them for the ceremony -- and it could do world's for Pemap itself.

Leslye Arsht  
President's Environmental Merit  
Awards Program

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Ltr to the Pres., dtd 8/5/73, fm Lance M. King,  
Member President's Advisory Committee on  
the Environmental Merit Award Program, 620  
Canepa Drive, Santa Cruz, Calif. 95066  
asking to talk to an aide about this program when he is in Washington  
"later this month"

Date: August 22, 1973

MEMO FOR: **DICK FAIRBANKS**

FROM: **DAVID PARKER**

The attached is for your appropriate handling.

Thank you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 21, 1973

NOTE FOR MR. O'DONNELL

Mr. O'Donnell -

Mr. Lance M. King, a Member of the President's Advisory Committee on the Environmental Merit Award Program wants to talk to someone on the staff about the program which he says to date has never met and he feels that either the Committee should get meaningfully involved or it should be abolished.

Send this to the new EPA Director? -

Send to Dick Fairbanks

Mary R.



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August 5, 1973  
620 Canepa Drive  
Santa Cruz, California

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RMN MESSAGE  
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Honorable Richard M. Nixon  
President of the United States  
The White House, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

In April of 1972 you appointed me a Member of your Advisory Committee on the Environmental Merit Award Program which is administered by the Environmental Protection Agency. Since my appointment to this Advisory Committee, I have sought to keep informed about the operation of the Award Program. On several occasions I have met with Program staff members in Washington and here in California.

I have been particularly concerned that the program maintain credibility among the student community. It is my belief that high school students deserving of recognition through this program are, on the whole, a sophisticated group of individuals. They are accustomed to meeting high standards. The Awards Program must therefore establish meaningful standards and not permit continued wholesale distribution of awards. Without such standards the program will be compromised in the eyes of both students and their teachers. I do not want to see that happen.

To date the Advisory Committee has never met. No one has ever sought my advise about the program. All contact with the program has been initiated by me. I am not convinced that the talents available among the Members of the Advisory Committee are being utilized by the staff of the program. This is only important insofar as the program fails now to set any sort of meaningful criteria for the awards. Either the Committee should be meaningfully involved in the operation of the Environmental Merit Award Program or the Committee should be abolished.

I will be in Washington later this month. I would be pleased to discuss this matter with a member of your staff at that time. Until then I may be reached at my office in San Francisco. The phone number is (415) 989-8806. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Lance M. King*

Lance M. King, Member  
President's Advisory Committee  
on the  
Environmental Merit Award Program



May 9, 1974

Dear Darla:

It is always good to hear from girls and boys who care deeply about our Nation, and your nice letter at this time tells me that you will continue to do your best for America. Keep up the good work!

With my gratitude and best wishes,

Sincerely,

RICHARD NIXON

Miss Darla Duncan  
McKeesport Area School District  
Shaw Avenue and Locust Street  
McKeesport, Pennsylvania 15132

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Dear Darla:

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SHAW AVENUE AND LOCUST STREET

McKEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA 15132

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Dear President Nixon,  
I am a black student in the McKeesport area school district.  
Academically Talented program.  
During our earth week program I received the President's  
Environmental merit award of excellence.  
For this I want to say thank you very much.  
It is a beautiful award.  
My mother and father are very proud of me.  
So are my Aunts and Uncles.  
My mother and father decided to put the award in a frame.  
Ps. Write back

Sincerely yours

(1) Miss Darla Duncan

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