

Amana's Environmental Crew (ECrew) plans to spend the \$1,500 award on curricular resources, display materials, incentive materials, Clear Stream Recycling Frames, and CurbMate Rolling Shelves Recycling Centers for the classrooms in and order to expand its environmental program. Expected results include having specialized recycling bins and the creation of a student-based EcoAmbassador crew that will encourage students to make connections to the environment and see a purpose in environmental stewardship. Another result will be direct changes to Amana's management of its waste reduction programs, helping to bring it closer to the ideal of sustainability.

"At Amana Academy, we understand the value of environmental education, perceive it as an extension of the everyday learning *experience*, and believe that it is through hands-on experience and personal *action* that students apply what they are learning to their daily lives," said Lemiya Alexander, a member of Amana's ECrew.

Last year Amana Academy was named Environmental School of the Year for North Fulton County by EverGreen Schools in Roswell. EverGreen Schools also named Sami Tunick, a first grade teacher, Environmental Educator of the Year.

Amana Academy is a tuition-free Fulton County Public Charter School that currently offers grades K-7. Amana's innovative hands-on program emphasizes high academic achievement while specializing in promoting civic and environmental responsibility, equipping students with a firm command of Arabic, and incorporating Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound (ELOB) into the curriculum. Amana is Arabic for "a trust that needs to be guarded" and connotes "stewardship".