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# Wheelabrator Hosts 19th Annual Symposium for Environment and Education

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## *Student scientists to unveil green projects*

**SUNRISE, Fla. — April 29, 2013** — Proud members of a new “green” generation, 150 middle school students will soon visit South Florida to present their 6-month sustainability projects to a panel of Wheelabrator partners at the 19th Annual Wheelabrator Symposium for Environment and Education. The day-long event will be held Tuesday, April 30 at the Doubletree Hilton in Sunrise, Fla.

Under the guidance of local educators and employees from Wheelabrator Technologies, students from 15 middle schools in Florida, New England, and the Mid-Atlantic identified environmental issues in their community and then dedicated months of preparation and service to finding and implementing solutions. Expanding community recycling, protecting indigenous animals, developing greenhouses and replenishing shorelines are just a few of the endeavors. Wheelabrator formed the Symposium program in 1994 to demonstrate that responsible environmental awareness must be grounded in fundamental science. Since then, more than 3,000 students have participated in the program.

For nearly two decades, the Symposium has served as a key component of Wheelabrator’s corporate social responsibility efforts.

“Wheelabrator applauds the innovative environmental projects of our symposium students and salutes their commitment to achieving sustainability,” said Wheelabrator President Mark Weidman. “Wheelabrator employees share with participating students the core value of environmental stewardship and we take great pride in providing this learning platform for our future scientific leaders.”

Wheelabrator provides participating schools with both in-kind and financial support as well as a monetary donation at the conclusion of the event. In addition, students can later qualify to earn a four-year scholarship through Wheelabrator’s partnership with Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn.

This year’s stakeholder panel includes Executive Director of Partners in Education Nina Randall; Director of Physics Labs at Fisk University Kent Wallace; President and CEO of Bridgeport Regional Business Council Paul Timpanelli; Museum Educator at Young At Art Children’s Museum Perry Anderson; and Kathy Horwatt of Langhorne Borough Council. Superintendent of Broward County Schools Robert Runcie will provide the opening remarks.

The Symposium will wrap up with an awards dinner, featuring speaker Fabien Cousteau, third generation ocean explorer and founder of Plant a Fish™. The students close the trip by attending a Miami Marlins vs. New York Mets baseball game May 1, before returning home with their new knowledge and passion for green living to spread throughout their communities.



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