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Lahore Student Among 2020 International Young Eco-Hero Award Winners

Local Teen Receives Top Honor for Contributions to Solving Environmental Problems

San Francisco – Eiman Jawwad, a 15 year-old from Lahore, Pakistan, is one of seventeen young environmental activists from across the globe honored by Action for Nature (AFN) as a 2020 International Young Eco-Hero, an award that recognizes eco-conscious youth aged 8 to 16 for their creative initiatives aimed at tackling critical environmental challenges.

Awarded annually, these outstanding young people from across the globe are selected by a panel of independent judges, including experts in environmental science, biology, and education. For the past 17 years, the International Young Eco-Hero Awards have honored global youth in two categories – 8 to 12 years old and 13 to 16 years old – who are taking important steps to solve tough environmental problems. Since 2003, Action for Nature has recognized more than 275 young people from over 30 countries and 25 U.S. states.

Eiman received an honorable mention in the 13-16 year-old age category for her project, Organic Fertilizer from Tea and Coffee Residue.

Eiman Jawwad was disturbed by how far tea leaves and coffee beans had to travel to her kitchen – just to be thrown in the trash after use. Through research and experimentation, Eiman found a way to help the environment, eliminate waste, and help the local community – by turning coffee grounds and used tea bags and leaves into much-needed fertilizer. With the help of student volunteers, her teachers, and community members, she collected nearly five tons of organic fertilizer in less than three years.

“Kids like Eiman have shown that the next generation is refusing to simply stand on the sidelines but instead is turning its passion for helping the planet into projects that have tangible, positive impacts on the environment now,” said Beryl Kay, president of Action for Nature, an international non-profit organization that encourages young people to nurture a love and respect for Earth’s natural resources and to take personal action to better their environments. “Young activists like Eiman are shaping the world around them and inspiring other young people to take



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action to protect our Earth.”

“There were many things I got to learn from this experience that may have left an everlasting effect on my life. I learned that even small things around us matter, and even a small change can help in bringing a tremendous tide of change,” said Eiman Jawwad.

To read more about Eiman’s work at

actionfornature.org/eco-hero-awards/2020-awards/#eiman.

To learn more about this year’s International Young Eco-Hero Award winners, visit

actionfornature.org/eco-hero-awards/2020-awards.

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Action for Nature (AFN) is an international non-profit organization based in San Francisco, California, that encourages young people to nurture a love and respect for Earth’s natural resources and to take personal action to better their environments.