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Alaskan Teen Among 2022 International Young Eco-Hero Award Winners

Local Student Receives Top Honor for Contributions to Solving Environmental Problems

San Francisco – Anna DeVolld, a 16 year-old from Soldotna, Alaska, is one of sixteen young environmental activists from across the globe to receive a 2022 International Young Eco-Hero Award, announced Action For Nature today. This award honors eco-conscious youth ages 8 to 16 who are taking crucial steps to solve tough environmental problems.

Winners of the International Young Eco-Hero Award are selected by a panel of independent judges, including experts in environmental science, biology, and education. Since 2003, Action For Nature has recognized more than 341 Eco-Heroes from over 31 countries and 26 U.S. states.

Anna won Second Place in the 13-16 year-old category for her project, "Promote Our Pollinators."

In 2018, Anna created Promote Our Pollinators (P.O.P.), an environmental program designed to educate her community about the importance of pollinators, why their numbers are declining, and what action can be taken. She designed "Pollinator Packs" – six-pack pots containing six different pollinator-friendly seedlings to be placed in urban areas to attract pollinators. Each spring, she has grown 150 of these packs and distributes them to local businesses and organizations. Her campaigns to raise awareness about pollinators have reached many people through community presentations, public booths, classroom lessons, and social media.

"Young people like Anna have shown that the next generation of leaders is here, and they are taking action across the globe now to address the climate crisis and solve local, national, and global environmental challenges," said Beryl Kay, President of Action For Nature, an international non-profit organization that encourages young people to nurture a love and respect for the Earth and to take personal action to improve the environment. "The projects that young people like Anna have created are having real and important impacts on their communities, helping to solve global climate challenges, and are inspiring others – including adults – to do what they can to help."

"P.O.P. is designed to educate my community about the importance of pollinators and to provide ways to promote their population growth," said Anna DeVolld. "I want to inspire the next generation to be good stewards of our natural resources."

To read more about Anna's work, visit pollinators.devolld.net.

To learn more about this year's International Young Eco-Hero Award winners, visit actionfornature.org.

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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 protect the environment.