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Edison Student Among 2021 International Young Eco-Hero Award Winners

Local Student Receives Top Honor for Contributions to Solving Environmental Problems

San Francisco – Nihal Tammana, an 11 year-old from Edison, New Jersey, is one of 25 young environmental activists from across the globe honored by Action For Nature (AFN) as a 2021 International Young Eco-Hero, an award that recognizes 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 300 Eco-Heroes from over 30 countries and 25 U.S. states.

Nihal won Honorable Mention in the 8-14 year-old category for his project, Recycle My Battery.

Nihal Tammana founded Recycle My Battery (RMB) with the goal of bringing public awareness about the harm posed by improperly discarded batteries. To raise awareness, Nihal began hosting school webinars, talking to libraries and businesses, and going door to door. He also distributes battery collection bins and organizes battery collection events. To date, Nihal has organized battery collections in India, Dubai, and the United States, and has recruited 75 volunteers globally to join his effort.

"Kids like Nihal have shown that the next generation of leaders is here, and they are refusing to wait to solve the world's most pressing 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 these young people created will not only have real, positive impacts on their communities, they will also help solve global climate challenges and inspire others – no matter what age – to consider what they can do to help."

"If I can make the earth a better place to live, you can! If you can make the earth a better place to live, we all can!" said Nihal Tammana.

To read more about Nihal's work, visit recyclemybattery.org.

To learn more about this year's International Young Eco-Hero Award winners, visit actionfornature.org/eco-hero-awards/2021-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.