

# **2012 TEEA Winners, Highlights Reel**

## **Michael Hoke, Managing Director, Shangri La Botanical Gardens & Nature Center:**

Our mission -- mentoring children of all ages to be kind to their world...

## **Volunteer, Shangri La Botanical Gardens & Nature Center:**

Use your monoculars.

## **Noelle Jordan, Environmental Education Coordinator, Shangri La Botanical Gardens & Nature Center:**

We call them teachable moments, and they're the unexpected things that happen when you're here. It could be a bird flying right overhead. It could be an osprey catching a fish.

## **Michael Hoke:**

The only way we're going to get kids to really appreciate the environment is if they learn about the environment.

## **Walter Bevers, Executive Director of Secondary Education, Lamar Consolidated Independent School District:**

We've had a number of different groups that tried to start recycling programs.

## **Hannah Bevers, 2012 Winner, Individual Category:**

The biggest challenge definitely was getting everyone gung ho and on board. It's just cool because it's what they do now.

## **Jamie Flores, Arroyo Colorado Watershed Partnership, Texas Water Resources Institute:**

The health of the Laguna Madre is ultimately tied into the health of the Arroyo Colorado.

## **Eddie De Leon, Utilities Superintendent, City of Pharr:**

There was a need to reduce pollutants going into the Arroyo, and we took that first step.

## **Donnie Valdez, Grower and AgriLife Extension Specialist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service:**

It's the right thing to do.

## **April Duchene, Chester E. Jordan Elementary School:**

We have our windows open all the time so we have 95 percent of the sunlight.

**Alana Ramirez, Chester E. Jordan Elementary School:**

She should open the windows instead of turning on the lights.

**Kimberly Williams, Chester E. Jordan Elementary School:**

In this case they did good, so we will leave them a thank-you note.

**April Duchene:**

We feel like we're doing our part in the community.

**Harold Grall, Moore County Director, North Plains  
Groundwater Conservation District:**

I think God just wanted me to be a farmer.

We're growing corn almost in a desert. So we've had to change our farming practices.

**Steve Walthour, General Manager, North Plains  
Groundwater Conservation District:**

We have to come up with ways to stretch that water use so we can keep generations farming.

The USDA thinks that what we are doing is applicable to the U.S., not just in Texas.

**Dave Cohen, Brewmaster, Anheuser-Busch Houston  
Brewery:**

Water is a key ingredient to beer. So us taking good care and being good corporate citizens, and the way we use water is very important to us.

**Chad Brownell, Senior Resident Engineer, Anheuser-Busch  
Houston Brewery:**

We ultimately want to be the best brewery in the world for water usage.

**Dean Harvey, President, Century Industrial Coatings:**

Anytime you're being creative it just doesn't come real easy.

**James Landrum, General Manager, Nucor Vulcraft Group:**

We think it's been revolutionary because it's permeated throughout the industry; our competitors are also using water-reducible primer.

**Gary Swindler, Vice President & Technical Director,  
Century Industrial Coatings:**

We're just kind of quietly going about doing the right thing.

**Perri Kittles, Environmental Health Officer, City of Coppell:**

... whether somebody's watching us or especially when somebody's not.

**Donnie Valdez:**

Twenty, thirty, forty years ago, we probably didn't know what was the right thing to do.

**Jamie Flores:**

It doesn't matter if you're a farmer or if you work at a wastewater treatment plant, your way of life depends on everybody working together.

**Chester Jordan Elementary students shout:**

Take Care of Texas!