

Keep Martin Beautiful awards given out

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MARTIN COUNTY — Four students of Hidden Oaks Middle School spent Wednesday evening in the company of government officials and business people competing to be awarded for their efforts to keep Martin County beautiful.

But the students who strove to improve recycling at Jock Leighton Park got their moment of recognition when they were revealed as one of two recipients of the special Think Green award at Keep Martin Beautiful's Environmental Stewardship Awards ceremony. They

shared the award with fellow winner Martin County Boys and Girls Club.

"We're just really appreciative, and I'm surprised," said Sarah Ciampi, one of the Hidden Oaks students and Martin County Commissioner Ed Ciampi's daughter.

The four teenagers were among a handful of nominees awarded for advancing environmental or beautification efforts in Martin County at the award ceremony at Piper's Landing Yacht and Country Club.

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Business/Professional
Mariner Sands Country Club: Environmental Initiatives

Government Agency
City of Stuart: Neighborhood Cleanups

NonProfit/Civic Groups
Florida Oceanographic Society: Oyster Gardening & Restoration

Youth/School (tie)
Kathy LaMartina: Indian

River Lagoon Envirothon
Youth/School (tie)
Troop 832 Eagle Scouts:

Indiantown Community Outreach Center
Unsung Hero

Doris Daniel: Community Volunteer

Think Green Award presented by Waste Management (tie)

Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County: Club Beautification

and The Recycle Girls: "It's Your Choice"

Innovation Award
Sol, Inc: Solar Lighting for Charities along the Treasure Coast

KMB President's Award
Boy Scout Troup 825: Community Involvement