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## ADRIANA MANCINI HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE

Raising awareness of the global water crisis is a lifelong cause for Adriana Mancini, a high school senior attending Clark Advanced Learning Center in Stuart.

The seventeen year-old has fundraised over \$38,000 for charity water, a non-profit organization that focuses on bringing clean water to people in developing countries. In 2015, Adriana also founded Students4H2O, a student-led campaign supporting the global water crisis, with two other Martin County high school students. Her group has participated in events aimed at fundraising and educating the public about the global water crisis. Adriana hopes that access to clean water and sanitation will help girls spend less time finding water and more time in school.

On April 22, 2016 she was the winner of Seton Hall University's United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Challenge. The United Nations set 17 sustainable development goals to help end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and tackle climate change by 2030. This challenge engages high school students in focusing on the needs of society and the planet. Adriana focused on global goal #6, which pertains to clean water and sanitation, and described her efforts with charity water, Team Green Martin, and Students4H2O.

Students4H2O joined the City of Stuart participating in their H2O Expo Water Fest on April 30th, 2016. For the April 22, 2017 initiative with the City of Stuart, Adriana Mancini will coordinate a community wide event at Stuart Memorial Park, involving all twelve Martin County elementary schools, especially their Team Green Martin/recycling clubs, to educate the community on environmental issues and water conservation. She also wants to educate others about thinking globally and acting locally and the benefits of using social media for social good.

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Adriana's other recent awards and recognition include the City of Stuart's Proclamation for April Water Conservation Month, USGBC Generation Green Apple Award Green Student Award 2016, Keep Martin Beautiful Staff Award 2016, and the Keep Florida Beautiful Outstanding Youth Award 2016.

The Palm City resident launched her involvement with recycling as a founder and teen advisory for the Bessey Creek Elementary Team Green Recycling Program from 2010 to the present. This program is designed to empower and provide leadership opportunities for ESE students to work with their general-education peers through a common goal and become involved in the community through recycling efforts. In 2015, the Superintendent of the Martin County School District implemented Adriana's recycling program into Hidden Oaks Middle School as part of a district-wide initiative. They are looking forward to having other schools in Martin County join their efforts.

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