



**A sustainable community
and planet is our goal**

About our Founder

- Became passionate about our environment and water conservation in elementary school.
- The first high school recipient of Seton Hall University's United Nations Sustainable Development Challenge (2016).
- Graduated from Clark Advanced Learning Center in 2017.
 - Received my Associate of Arts as part of Clark Advanced Learning Center/Indian River State College's dual-enrollment program.
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Florida with my Bachelor of Science in Public Relations in 2020.
- Currently, I am a student of the University of Florida's online Master of Arts in Mass Communications program specializing in Public Interest Communication.

Awards & accomplishments

- 30 Under 30 Changemaker Award, May 2021
- Water For South Sudan's Global Citizen Award, February 2021
- Keep Martin Beautiful Youth Group Champion Award, August 2020 (**Students4H2O**)
- Nominee- Spirit of Philanthropy Award, November 2019
- Keep Florida Beautiful Youth Education & Engagement Award, February 2018 (**Students4H2O**)
- Kantner Foundation Scholarship, May 2017
- Acacia Masonic Lodge F&AM #163 Scholarship, May 2017
- Greater Stuart Area Panhellenic Scholarship, May 2017
- Florida P.E.O Chapter P Education Award Scholarship, May 2017
- Soroptimist International of Stuart Youth Service Award Scholarship, April 2017
- City of Stuart's Proclamation for April Water Conservation Month, April 2017
- Soroptimist International of Stuart Rising Star Award, March 2017
- USGBC South Florida Generation Green Apple Award's Green Student Award, February 2017
- Joe Kordick Youth Character Award, February 2017
- Commissioner's Leadership Award, January 2017
- Keep Florida Beautiful Outstanding Youth Award, June 2016
- USGBC South Florida Generation Green Apple Award's Green Student Award, April 2016
- City of Stuart's Proclamation for April Water Conservation Month, April 2016
- Seton Hall University UN Sustainable Development Goals Challenge 1st place award and scholarship, April 2016
- Keep Martin Beautiful Staff Award, February 2016
- Keep Martin Beautiful President's Award, February 2014
- Adriana Mancini Environmental Award 2013-2014 (**annually given to a student from BCE's Team Green recycling club**)
- St. Joseph Catholic School's Maria Goretti Award 2012-2013
- Bessey Creek Elementary School's Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award 2009-2010
- Daughters of the American Revolution Citizenship Award 2009-2010

About our Student President

- Became passionate about environmental advocacy in third grade.
- Joined Students4H2O in seventh grade and is now the Student President.
- Currently enrolled in the International Baccalaureate program at Lincoln Park Academy.
 - Dual-enrolled at Indian River State College
- Focused on achieving Global Goal 3, Good Health and Well-being, as an aspiring medical student.

About Students4H2O

Students4H2O was established in Martin County with the mission to enhance education, stewardship, and citizenship for all students in our community. We believe every individual matters and a sustainable community will lead to a sustainable planet by following the mission of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. By doing so, we strive to empower our children by saving the Earth, one student at a time.



Board of Directors

- **Officers:**

- *Vice-President:* Susan Whittington- Espinal, Stern & Whittington at Morgan Stanley
- *Treasurer:* Jonathan Estevez- Carr, Riggs, & Ingram
- *Secretary:* Kimberly Brown- Martin County School District

- **Directors:**

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- Christopher Carnes- South Fork High School
- Pippa Dodge- Sign Jungle
- Anne Ellig- City of Stuart
- Lisa Estevez, Ed.S., BCBA- Martin County School District
- David Mancini- Reich & Mancini, P.A.
- Patty O'Connell- Gumbo Limbo Stuart Florida
- Joanne Sweazey, M.Ed.- Hope Center for Autism
- Jessica Urbay- Felix A. Williams Elementary School

About Students4H2O's Lincoln Park Academy Chapter

- Students4H2O's Lincoln Park Academy chapter currently has 20 members ranging from sixth to twelfth grade students who are eager to create the world we want.
- Our objective of adopting Veteran's Memorial Park is to expand our passion and involvement in social and environmental change.
- **Methods to accomplish our goal:**
 1. Follow the mission of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
 2. Participate in community events.
 3. Engage in local and state-wide activities.
 4. Partake in international initiatives.

Community involvement

Through our partnerships with the City of Stuart and students, teachers, principals, and leaders of the Martin County School District, we act as Global Citizens and share a unified mission of thinking globally and acting locally.



United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

- In September 2015, 193 world leaders among the United Nations agreed to establish 17 Sustainable Development Goals, also known as the Global Goals.
- The Global Goals work together to end poverty, reduce inequalities, and protect our planet by 2030.
- Our members represent one or two Global Goals they feel most passionate about.



SDG 6: Clean Water & Sanitation

- 785 million people lack access to clean drinking water.
- Girls in developing nations sacrifice their education to collect contaminated water for their families.
- They walk three to five miles daily carrying jerry cans that weigh 40 pounds when full.



“A Long Walk to Water” Fundraising Contest

- 20 Martin County schools united last school year with the objective to fundraise \$15,000 for Water For South Sudan.
- As a result of their collaborative efforts, they raised over \$21,000 and a well was drilled at Majok Donguar Primary School in South Sudan.



Drop by Drop

- Co-hosted by Water For South Sudan and Students4H2O; held on May 22, 2021.
- Salva Dut, Founder & Chief Strategy Director of WFSS, shared his story of fleeing the civil war in Sudan and explained how that experience led to his current mission – bringing clean drinking water to his home country.
 - Salva's story is also told in the New York Times bestseller "A Long Walk to Water," written by Linda Sue Park.
- Palm City Elementary won a Q&A with Salva via Zoom, which was included in Drop by Drop.



Cigarette recycling program

- Collaboration with the City of Stuart and TerraCycle.
 - Students4H2O received the Keep Martin Beautiful Youth Group Champion Award for our involvement in this initiative.
- Eliminate cigarette waste in Downtown Stuart by recycling cigarette butts.
- For every one pound of cigarette butts recycled, TerraCycle will donate \$1 to Keep America Beautiful.
- Through TerraCycle, cigarette butts are recycled into products including ashtrays, shipping pallets, and plastic lumber.



Water Fest



Plastic Bag Initiative



Place plastic bags in receptacles!

Did you know...

- Plastic bags look like food to sea animals that eat jellyfish.
- Plastic bags take up space in landfills and clog storm drains.
- Plastic bags cause air pollution when incinerated or burned.
- Plastic bags destroy ecosystems and animals that live in them.
- Plastic bags photo degrade; they break down into small pieces but NEVER GO AWAY!

YOU CAN HELP!

- Bring plastic bags to school to recycle through Publix. Simply place them in the containers pictured above!
- Use reusable shopping bags!
- If only purchasing a few small items, carry them out without a bag!

Publix. **Stuart** **STUDENTS 4 H₂O**



Buddy Bench Contest

- Participating schools to date:
 - Bessey Creek Elementary School
 - Citrus Grove Elementary School
 - Crystal Lake Elementary School
 - Felix A. Williams Elementary School
 - J.D. Parker Elementary School
 - Palm City Elementary School
 - Port Salerno Elementary School
 - Warfield Elementary School

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CONTEST RULES

- The two schools that collect the most plastic bags (minimum 4,000) **earn a Buddy Bench.**
- Students and faculty members bring in bags and deposit them in their school's receptacle.
- Collections delivered to Publix.
- Contest duration: 9/1/2021 to 2/28/2022

  

Adopt-a-Road Cleanups

- **2021-2022 meetings + AAR calendar**
 - August 28, 2021 at 10 a.m.
 - October 30, 2021 at 10 a.m.
 - December 4, 2021 at 10 a.m.
 - February 5, 2022 at 10 a.m.
 - March 5, 2022 at 10 a.m.
 - May 7, 2022 at 10 a.m.
- Our road is located on Georgia Avenue (SE Ocean Blvd to MLK Blvd), which is between Stuart Memorial Park and Stuart Middle School).
 - Part of Keep Martin Beautiful's Adopt-a-Road program.
- Our members participate in six Adopt-a-Road cleanups every year, taking ownership in our community while empowering each other to save our Earth.





Thank you!

**“Alone we can do so little.
Together we can do so much.”
-Helen Keller**