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### **Weston Student Among 2020 International Young Eco-Hero Award Winners**

#### ***Local Teen Receives Top Honor for Contributions to Solving Environmental Problems***

San Francisco – Duncan Jurman, a 16 year-old from Weston, Florida, is one of seventeen young environmental activists from across the globe honored by Action for Nature (AFN) as a 2020 International Young Eco-Hero, an award that recognizes eco-conscious youth aged 8 to 16 for their creative initiatives aimed at tackling critical environmental challenges.

Awarded annually, these outstanding young people from across the globe are selected by a panel of independent judges, including experts in environmental science, biology, and education. For the past seventeen years, the International Young Eco-Hero Awards have honored global youth in two categories – 8 to 12 years old and 13 to 16 years old – who are taking important steps to solve tough environmental problems. Since 2003, Action for Nature has recognized more than 275 young people from over 30 countries and 25 U.S. states.

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“Kids like Duncan have shown that the next generation is refusing to simply stand on the sidelines but instead is turning its passion for helping the planet into projects that have tangible, positive impacts on the environment now,” said Beryl Kay, president of Action for Nature, an international non-profit organization that encourages young people to nurture a love and respect for Earth’s natural resources and to take personal action to better their environments. “Young activists like Duncan are shaping the world around them and inspiring other young people to take action to protect our Earth.”



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“Most students don’t know the essential roles butterflies play in our ecosystems – as pollinators of plants and key food sources for numerous animals, such as birds and lizards – and the diversity of species in South Florida. I want to change this situation and realize there’s an opportunity to raise youth awareness of the importance of butterflies, the many threats facing them, and the relatively little effort necessary to have an immediate impact on the future of butterflies,” said Duncan Jurman.

To read more about Duncan’s work, visit

[actionfornature.org/eco-hero-awards/2020-awards/#duncan](https://actionfornature.org/eco-hero-awards/2020-awards/#duncan) or check out the project website at [bringbutterfliesback.org](https://bringbutterfliesback.org).

To learn more about this year’s International Young Eco-Hero Award winners, visit

[actionfornature.org/eco-hero-awards/2020-awards](https://actionfornature.org/eco-hero-awards/2020-awards).

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