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Corte Madera Student Among 2020 International Young Eco-Hero Award Winners

Local Teen Receives Top Honor for Contributions to Solving Environmental Problems

San Francisco – Sarah Goody, a 15 year-old from Corte Madera, California, 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 17 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.

Sarah won third prize in the 13-16 year-old age category for her project, Climate NOW.

Sarah Goody founded Climate Now, a youth-led organization in Marin County, California, whose members strive to ensure a sustainable planet for our future by educating and empowering youth in order to combat the climate crisis. To date, Climate NOW has educated over 500 local students about the urgency of the climate crisis, has provided high school environment groups with the resources and connections they need to be a part of the worldwide climate movement, and has helped local student organizations fight for composting and recycling programs on campus.

“Kids like Sarah 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 Sarah are shaping the world around them and inspiring other young people to take action to



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protect our Earth.”

“The most important thing that Climate NOW has taught me is how powerful my voice is. I have spoken with hundreds of children about the climate crisis and experienced the same feedback every time. These children tell me that they wish they could do something to stop climate change and that I have inspired them to take more action. Knowing that I have been able to show these children that they are capable of making a difference in their community means everything to me,” said Sarah Goody.

To read more about Sarah’s work, visit

actionfornature.org/eco-hero-awards/2020-awards/#sarah or check out the project website at sarah-goody.com.

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

actionfornature.org/eco-hero-awards/2020-awards.

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