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SECRETARY OF EDUCATION NAMES 2015 GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS
All 2015 Alabama Awardees Named National Honorees

Montgomery, Ala. – As part of the Green Ribbon Schools program, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announced Alabama’s Green Ribbon School awardees as national honorees: Lincoln Elementary School, Talladega County Schools; Lincoln High School, Talladega County Schools; Bluff Park Elementary School, Hoover City Schools; and Auburn University, Auburn, AL. Read full information on the schools’ environmental efforts here.

“To have more Alabama schools honored as national honorees is significant. This is a tribute to the innovative and engaging way schools now offer environmentally conscious, creative learning,” said State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Tommy Bice. Alabama has had 10 previous national honorees.

In total, across the country, 58 schools and 14 districts were honored for their exemplary efforts to reduce environmental impact and utility costs, promote better health, and ensure effective environmental education, including civics and green career pathways. In addition, 9 colleges and universities were honored for the Postsecondary Sustainability Award.

“These honorees are compelling examples of the ways schools can help children build real-world skillsets, cut school costs, and provide healthy learning environments,” Secretary Duncan said.

The schools, districts, and postsecondary institutions were confirmed from a pool of candidates voluntarily nominated by 30 state education agencies, with honorees selected from 28 jurisdictions. The list of 81 total selectees includes 52 public schools and 6 private schools. The public schools include 2 charter and 3 magnet schools.

The list of all selected schools, districts, colleges, and universities, as well as their nomination packages, can be found here. A report with highlights on the 81 honorees can be found here. More information on the federal recognition award can be found here. Resources for all schools to move toward the three Pillars can be found here.

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