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Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation  
Jr. Volunteer of the Year Award

Amanda could not be here tonight as she is meeting the entrance to Stanford University by attending the overnight freshman orientation requirement.

I am honored to present the Jr. Volunteer of the Year Award to Amanda Martinez who has taken an active part to save the environment. She has for the last two years helped organized the Leland High School Environmental Club to participate in National River Cleanup and Coastal Cleanup activities at the Friends of Los Alamitos Watershed's events.

Her efforts encouraged many of her high school fellow students to join with her and attend our River cleanup events. With her leadership and concern for the environment, she encouraged the Leland High Environmental Club students to remove and load creek debris that overfilled five different  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton trucks.

She is a junior volunteer who sets an example for others to follow. 5'1" Amada is not afraid to get her hands dirty. Last year, she and small group students hand dug for over an hour and cleared a block water runoff culvert in New Almaden. Their efforts helped keep the main New Almaden Road safe from over spilling flooding water.

In Amanda's neighborhood she recruits her neighbors and family members to help join in the volunteer spirit of cleaning up our environment. Again, with her youthful encouragement they helped remove several automobiles and various junk parts from the Los Alamitos Creek and watershed.

Amanda, a Leland High School senior tells me, she is willing to come out again for the May, 15 2010 River Cleanup event to finish removing more trash out of the Los Alamitos Watershed before she enters Stanford University as a freshman.

I feel she continues to set an example and need to be recognized because of her youthful attitude of how one young lady can make a difference in making our world healthier and keeping our earth free of trash.

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