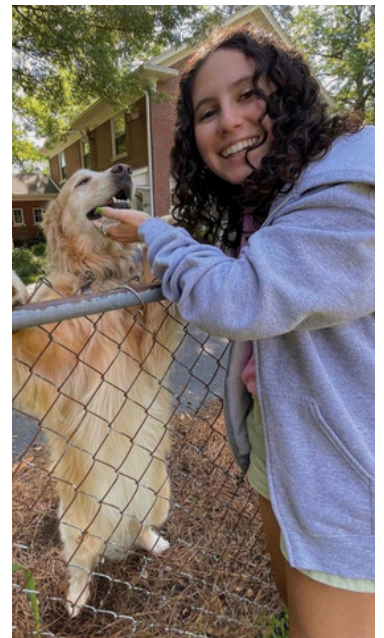




# APRIL - JUNE 2022 IMPACT

Spring seems to be our our busiest time of the year! Not only is it Earth Month, but school is winding down for the year & we have LOTS to pack in! Most importantly, we are celebrating our amazing volunteers who keep Beaches Go Green going strong! Although it's impossible to recognize everyone, we wanted to highlight a few people who show us that they want to "be the change"







## JAX BEACH COMMUNITY CLEANUP 4/19/22

Teaming up with News4Jax, ERC, Mayo Clinic, The Players Championship, JunkLuggers & more... we pulled off a record-breaking cleanup in Jacksonville Beach. The Community Clean-up was based out of Latham Park, the weekend after the Springing in the Blues Festival; our volunteers brought in massive amounts of trash. Cigarette butts and plastic straws were the most common items collected.

**NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS: 453**

**DURATION OF CLEANUP: 2 HRS**

**BAGS OF TRASH: 75**

**CIGARETTE BUTTS: 28,000+**

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTION: \$25,857.24**

**TRASH ABATEMENT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY: \$2,178**

**OVERALL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY: \$28,035.24**





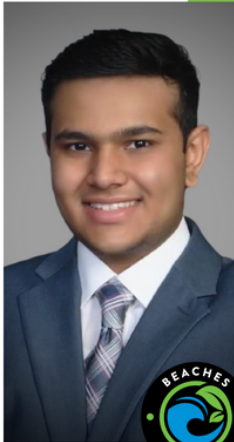
# SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

## 2022 CHANGE MAKERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

### AVI PATEL

GRADUATE OF STANTON PREP  
HIGH SCHOOL

WILL BE ATTENDING YALE IN  
THE FALL.

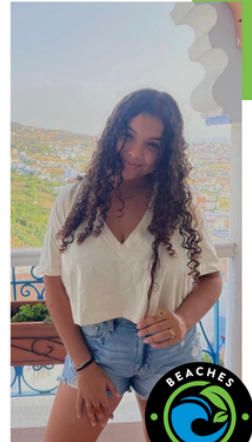


## 2022 CHANGE MAKERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

### RANYA BENCHABOONE

GRADUATE OF NEASE HIGH  
SCHOOL

WILL BE ATTENDING CORNELL  
UNIVERSITY IN THE FALL.



Each year, BGG awards (2) \$2500 scholarships to high school seniors or college students for environmental or wildlife conservation. In 2022, we were able to give out (6) \$2500 awards! We wish each winner the best of luck in the future endeavors and can't wait to see their impact through environmental leadership.

## 2022 CHANGE MAKERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

### KAYLA RUKAB

GRADUATE OF MANDARIN HIGH  
SCHOOL

WILL BE ATTENDING UNIVERSITY  
OF FLORIDA IN THE FALL.



## 2022 CHANGE MAKERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

### KATHRYN WALTEIMATE

GRADUATE OF NEASE HIGH SCHOOL

WILL BE ATTENDING UNIVERSITY  
OF NORTH FLORIDA IN THE FALL.



## 2022 CHANGE MAKERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

### LILLIANA LEITAO

GRADUATE OF NEASE HIGH  
SCHOOL

WILL BE ATTENDING FLORIDA  
STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE FALL.

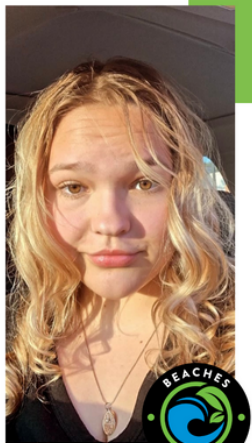


## 2022 CHANGE MAKERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

### LILLY DAVIS

GRADUATE OF NEASE HIGH SCHOOL

WILL BE ATTENDING UNIVERSITY  
OF CENTRAL FLORIDA IN THE  
FALL.





# FMS CAMPUS CLEANUP 5/26/22

Just in time for the end of the school year, the BGG Fletcher Middle Club partnered with FMS Athletics to clean up their school campus and surroundings. We picked up A LOT of plastic - mostly straws & sinel-serving wrappers. A big shout out to Tropical Smoothie for feeding the students!

**NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS: 39**

**DURATION OF CLEANUP: 1 HOUR**

**BAGS OF TRASH: 8**

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTION: \$1,113.06**

**TRASH ABATEMENT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY: \$161.68**

**OVERALL CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY: \$1,274.74**





# THANKING OUR UNF ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS

For the last 2 years, BGG has had the privilege of working with UNF Environmental student partners on Beaches Go Green Initiatives. Our 1st year of 2021, our 3 student partners worked remotely on BGG environmental education videos. They made clever and engaging content to educate that we have used on our social media and our BGG YouTube Channel. This year for 2022, our 2 student partners, Noah M & Sephora K, worked with us to present eco-friendly lessons to local elementary schools including: Lake Lucina Elementary, Ocean Palms Elementary, Jacksonville Beach Elementary & Fletcher Middle School. Topics of focus were: Fast Fashion, Think Reusable, The 3Rs, There is No Away! We attended the end of semester ceremony at UNF to view their presentation boards and both thank and congratulate them on their contributions.





# BGG SCHOOL CLUBS CELEBRATE EARTH WEEK

Many of our Beaches Go Green school clubs participated in Earth Week by hosting their own events. The events included: a tree planting ceremony, beach & campus cleanups, an Earth Day gram fundraiser, volunteering at a pet adoption event, Earth Day games & prizes, Best Buddies chalk art & more... these students are inspiring & amazing! Thank you for all that you do!





# EARTH DAY AT BREWHOUND DOG PARK!

BGG set up for a day of environmental education & games at a family-friendly Earth Day event at Brewhound in Atlantic Beach. The day consisted of live music, a showing the movie The Lorax and of course...lots furry friends :)



## ECO-CINEMA: THE POLLINATORS



With our awesome Eco-Cinema partners, BGG showed the film, The Pollinators at St Augustine Yacht Club. We discuss the plight of bees & what we can do to be more "bee friendly." Taylor Brown, president of the PVHS BGG club, did a fantastic job participating as a panelist in our discussion. These events are FREE & family-friendly & offer eco-friendly vendors & food trucks.







# BEACHES GO GREEN'S SPRING FIELD TRIPS

Another way that we celebrated Earth Month & our awesome student volunteers was to explore the community up close & personal & behind the scenes. On March 31, we visited the UF's Whitney Labs & Sea Turtle Hospital. In April, we took a private trip on the Mantazas Riverkeeper's Litter Gitter to clean up the intracoastal waterways. We even saw a newborn fawn on one the islands! We also learned about the importance of bees at a private bee hive tour with Bee Friend's at a local farm.





# SOLUTIONARIES: BGG REUSABLE BOTTLES FOR SPORTS (RBS) PROGRAM in the NEWS!

This month, our BGG RBS program received local & national coverage by Vic Micolucci of WJXT's new show called SOLUTIONARIES. The show features every day people providing solutions to big community problems! Our RBS program has combined our environmental education mission and a REAL solution to create a change in habits!

By partnering with local schools/teams & community sponsors, we are able to provide double-walled stainless steel reusable water bottles for all athletes & staff in a program.

The goals of the program are 1) to reduce plastic pollution in the environment.

2) Reduce the exposure of youth athletes to the toxic chemicals in plastic that leach into our food & drink.

Our BGG student club officers & members deliver the important messaging when giving the bottles to youth athletes & their leadership.

#THINKREUSABLE





# DEDICATION OF THE BGG OCTOPUS GARDEN

The famous Beaches Go Green Octopus Garden, a single-use plastic awareness art installation, created for Jacksonville's Deck the Chairs has found its permanent home at Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School. The single-use plastic art display will serve as a permanent outdoor learning space for the middle school featuring educational signage, native plants and a space for activities like yoga. BGG was able to be there to celebrate the grand opening of the new space to be enjoyed the Mayport community.





# BEACHES GO GREEN ON RCL & 904 NOW

Beaches Go Green was fortunate enough to appear on 2 LIVE shows this spring & a recorded segment too. We joined Eden Kendall of River City Live on an outing with the Matanzas River Keeper's Litter Gitter where she covered the adventures of our BGG Club Student Officers. Then we joined Eden LIVE in studio, on one of her last appearances hosting the show, to discuss our BGG Reusable Bottles for Sports Program. We Joined the hosts of St John's County local network - The 904 Now, where we discussed the mission of BGG and all the amazing stuff that we have going on in our local schools!





# END OF THE YEAR BGG STUDENT OFFICER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION!

**Our Beaches Go Green Student officers & teacher sponsors work hard. They deserve to be appreciated for the amount of initiatives that they tackle in a single school year! We celebrated them all with pizza, a friendly kickball game and pool party! We are so proud of each and every one of them. We send off the seniors for a wishes of an impactful, safe, happy and successful future!**

