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Broward County invites high school students to register for Public Speaking Competition

Theme: How to balance environmental protection and economic growth in the State of Florida?

Broward County is sponsoring a public speaking competition for high school students on Friday, June 3, 2011! The theme for the competition is how to balance environmental protection and economic growth! The question that is being posed to the students is "You have been appointed Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. What policies, strategies or programs would you recommend to Florida's Governor to help protect our natural resources while fostering economic growth?" Please keep in mind the State's current economic conditions. Be sure to include as part of your speech issues such as: climate change mitigation and adaptation, air quality protection, use of renewable energy and fuels, water conservation, use of Florida native plants (NatureScape), groundwater protection, drinking water quality and quantity, recycling, land preservation, and parks and recreational areas.

Who's eligible?

All Broward County high school students (public, private, or home schooled). Students must register by emailing airoutreach@broward.org by April 29, 2011. The competition will be held at the KC Wright School Board Building located at 600 SE 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale 33301 in the first floor Conference Room at 10:00 am.

Prizes:

First Place— A new 8GB ITouch with the Air Quality Index Application, Climate Change Book, and National Geographic's Human Footprint DVD.

Second Place— A new Phillips Vibe 4GB MP3 Video Player provided by Broward County Waste and Recycling Services, Climate Change Book, and National Geographic's Human Footprint DVD.

Third Place— A gift card for Bass and Pro Shops Outdoor World, Climate Change Book, and National Geographic's Human Footprint DVD.

For more information please visit www.broward.org/pollutionprevention/airquality and click on Public Speaking Competition.