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## **NRRA School CLUB's "VT Student Recyclers of the Year"** **AWARD ANNOUNCED** **At NRRA Annual Conference in Manchester, NH**

EPSOM, NH - The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) is pleased to recognize Emma Campbell, Addy Harris and Abby Lliff of Robinson Elementary School, Starksboro, VT with the "2013-2014 VT Student Recyclers of the Year" Award.

At the beginning of the school year, three sixth grade students noticed a problem at Robinson Elementary School in Starksboro, VT. At lunchtime students were not sorting their trash, recyclables and composting correctly, making the compost unusable. These three self-starters got permission to create educational posters, for labeling each sorting bin and retaught the entire school how to sort their lunch waste at a weekly all-school meeting. For months afterward, these students gave up their recess time so they could monitor the sorting process at both lunch periods. They regularly gave updates and reeducation to the school community. When they noticed that some students were still not paying attention as they got rid of their waste, they started a sticker chart systems to reward correct sorting.

Now being properly sorted, the organic waste is going to a local farm. But they didn't stop there. Next they instituted a school-wide snack composting program. Every classroom has a clearly labeled bucket and every Friday the girls spend their snack time collecting and disposing of the compost, washing buckets and returning them to the classrooms. When the fear that these programs would cease with the students moving to middle school, they immediately found 5<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers to train to take over. They created a rotation schedule and posted it to keep track of the trainees. With almost no adult involvement, Emma Campbell, Addy Harris and Abby Lliff have instituted a school-wide composting program and have ensured that it will continue after they leave.

For their efforts they are most deserving of the 2013-2014 VT Student Recyclers of the Year.

A special thanks to NH the Beautiful for sponsoring the School Recycling Conference and for their continued support of school recycling in New Hampshire. They recently awarded The Club a \$17,500 grant to help expand our school outreach programs.

The School Recycling Club (The Club) is a program for all schools in the Northeast and is supported by NRRA and NHTB. For students and teachers in grades K-12, THE CLUB serves as a centralized organization to become more active in the world of recycling. THE CLUB is a fun and innovative way to give kids encouragement, direction, and networking possibilities for school recycling programs.

The NRRA is a proactive, non-profit cooperative working with its membership to make their recycling programs strong, efficient and financially successful. For more information, visit [www.nrra.net](http://www.nrra.net). For high-resolution pictures, please email [info@nrra.net](mailto:info@nrra.net) or call (603) 736-4401.

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From Left to Right: Ray Dube, NH the Beautiful, Emma Campbell, Addy Harris and Abby Liff of Robinson Elementary, Scott Schiaer, NH the Beautiful presenting 2013-2014 VT Student Recyclers of the Year Award.

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