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## The FGUA and Pasco County Utilities Win FSAWWA Award

~~ Water Awareness Poster Contest program awarded the “Show of Excellence” ~~

PASCO COUNTY – [The FGUA](#) and [Pasco County Utilities](#) have partnered for the Water Awareness Poster Contest over the past 11 years, educating and engaging over 17,000 elementary age students about the importance of water conservation by exploring various water topics. This science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) program was [awarded the 2020 “Show of Excellence”](#) by the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association (FSAWWA) Water Use Efficiency Division for its continued success during a challenging 2019 - 2020 school year.

The FSAWWA’s annual awards program recognizes innovative and outstanding achievements in water efficiency throughout Florida, with entries evaluated in five key areas. Awarded programs must exhibit defined goals and objectives, identify and quantify results, showcase “lessons learned”, outline future plans for results and “lessons learned”, and exemplify innovation within the field of water efficiency or the population served. “We could not be more thrilled to receive the Show of Excellence award,” said Caytee Hollingsworth, FGUA Community Services Coordinator. “Equivalent to 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the entire state of Florida, this award translates into more than just a plaque, it is a representation of Pasco County Students’ passion for protecting our valuable water resources.”

The theme for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual contest and award submittal was “Drippy’s Big Adventure”. Students traveled alongside mascot Drippy learning where their water comes from, how water is cleaned, how water gets to their homes, and the importance of water conservation. “Our children will be the stewards of clean water tomorrow,” said Pasco County Utilities Customer Service Director, Sandra Anderson. “The importance of a program that has the ability to adapt to meet this year’s virtual learning challenges is a testament to many years of dedicated planning by all parties involved.”

The FGUA and Pasco County Utilities would like to thank program partners and sponsors as our success would not be possible without their support: Pasco County School District Administration and Teachers, Pasco County Parents and Mentors, Bricks & Minifigs, Chick-fil-A of Trinity, Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Cold Stone Creamery & Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory of Trinity, The Florida Aquarium, The Lift Adventure Park, and Urban Air Adventure Park.

Additional information and resources to participate in the upcoming 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Awareness Poster Contest is available at [WaterContest.org](http://WaterContest.org).

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