



# LifeSmarts

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National LifeSmarts Championship 2016: That's a wrap!

**Focus: Congratulations! Evaluation, Slide show, Food waste audit, Safety Smart continues**



Dear Coaches and Team members,

Thank you so much for joining us in Denver last week for the 22<sup>nd</sup> National LifeSmarts Championship. We were thrilled to see you showcase your consumer knowledge, demonstrate great sportsmanship, and have a lot of fun meeting teams from across the country!

### **Congratulations to our 2016 winners!**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Dallas HS, Dallas, PA
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Paxon School for Advanced Studies, Jacksonville, FL
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: 'Iolani School, Honolulu, HI  
Coffee County 4-H, Coffee County, TN
- 4<sup>th</sup> place: Salesianum School, Wilmington, DE  
Iola High School, Iola, KS  
Cranbrook Kingswood School, Bloomfield Hills, MI  
Mascoma Valley Regional High School, Canaan, NH

#### **Environment**

Michael Lamontagne, RI, first place  
Evan Spaulding, FL  
Norton Kishi, HI  
Lauren Hudak, PA  
Julia Shirley, ND

#### **Personal Finance**

Alyssa Simoes, CT, first place  
Troy Reinert, PA  
Andrew Sheinberg, RI

Connor Searle, LA  
Joe Mullen, DE

#### **Health and Safety**

Ethan Epstein, VA, first place  
Matt Metzloff, PA  
Ian FitzGerald, RI  
Anna Blanchard, AZ  
Owen Riley, DE  
Abigail Taylor, KS

### **Consumer Rights and Responsibilities**

Eli Shea, RI, first place  
Nolan Carvalho, MA  
C.J. Good, PA  
Adam Slighte, WA  
Ryan Eyster, KS

### **Technology**

Chris Biesecker, PA, first place  
Samuel Inloes, MI  
Tuffa Said, FL  
Lukus Labrie, NH  
Daniel Sheinberg, RI

### **Last Smarty Standing**

Klajdi Gjonaj, CT  
Alyssa Simoes, CT  
Adam Slighte, WA

### **Coaches of the Year**

Donna Mancuso, CT  
Kevin West, PA

### **Students of the Year**

Taylor Heslop, KS  
Brandon Mahsetky, CA

### **Coordinator of the Year**

Jim Hedemark, RI

### **Evaluation still open**

We want your feedback! The conference evaluation remains open through April 29. [Click here.](#)

### **Denver slide show**

The photos from the Tuesday awards lunch slide show are available as an album on our [Facebook page.](#)

### **Food waste audit**

Thanks for participating in the first-ever LifeSmarts food waste audit. Ali Schklair from the National Consumers League shared these results:

- We fed 225 people Saturday night, and had 48 pounds post-consumer food waste:
  - 19 pounds liquid waste
  - 13 pounds fruits and vegetables
  - 16 pounds protein and grains
  - >1 pound trash
- Food that the kitchen disposed of (that was never served) included 42 pounds:
  - 26 pounds fruits and vegetables
  - 16 pounds proteins and grains
- Key take-aways:
  - By composting food waste, we diverted 90 pounds of food from landfill in just one meal
  - By composting plate waste, we reduced our landfill waste (trash) to less than 1 pound
  - If hotel policy allowed, we could have donated 42 pounds of food (the food prepared but never served) to people in need

### **Safety Smart Ambassadors**

A big thank you to our Safety Smart Ambassadors! Thanks to your efforts this spring, 128 Safety Smart presentations were made, and 3,050 young children heard safety messages. Remember, the Safety Smart program continues through December 2016 with additional scholarships, team rewards, and iTunes cards. Help us keep a good thing going – send in [your presentation forms.](#)

### **See you next year!**

We will see you next year in Pittsburgh, PA, April 22-25, 2017.