



Barron Prize Announces 2021 Winners

Boulder, CO, September 20, 2021 – The **Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes**, an award that celebrates inspiring, public-spirited young people, is thrilled to announce its 2021 winners.

Established by author T. A. Barron, the Barron Prize annually honors 25 outstanding young leaders ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and the environment. Fifteen top winners each receive \$10,000 to support their service work or higher education.

Over the past two decades, the Barron Prize has honored 525 young heroes from across the U.S. and Canada. They have helped the hungry and the homeless, invented life-saving technologies, protected our oceans and endangered species, and addressed climate change, among myriad other initiatives. They have raised more than \$24 million for their causes and have inspired countless people by their example.

The 2021 winners are:

Abby Yoon, age 17, of North Carolina, who founded the Sustainable Hunger Initiative to help underserved families access healthy food and to address residential segregation and poverty.

Adarsh Ambati, age 16, of California, who created the Green Environment Initiatives to design solutions for environmental crises and to provide STEM education for underserved students.

Alexandra Collins, age 17, of Illinois, who co-founded Students Against Ethylene Oxide (SAEtO), a nonprofit that engages youth in fighting to ban the carcinogenic gas EtO near schools and residential areas.

Brooke and Breanna Bennett, age 14, of Alabama, who co-founded Women In Training, Inc., a youth empowerment nonprofit that advocates for menstrual equity and menstrual education.

Duncan Jurman, age 18, of Florida, who created Bring Butterflies Back to protect and repopulate South Florida butterflies through education, conservation, and research.

Faraz Tamboli, age 14, of New Jersey, who invented TalkMotion, a device that helps people who are deaf and aphonic (voiceless) communicate with people who can hear.

Gitanjali Rao, age 15, of Colorado, an inventor, young scientist, and advocate for STEM who conducts workshops for students around the world to support them in creating solutions to pressing problems.

Jordan Reeves, age 15, of Missouri, who co-founded Born Just Right (newly named Design With Us), a nonprofit that inspires kids with disabilities to design innovations based on their own differences and experiences.

Michael Platt, age 16, of Maryland, who created Michael's Desserts to use his love of baking to help others. He donates sweet treats to those in need and holds bake sales to raise funds for organizations that address food insecurity.

Miles Fetherston-Resch, age 9, of Florida, who founded Kids Saving Oceans to fundraise for ocean, beach, and marine conservation and to educate kids about saving our oceans, one choice at a time.

Olivia Seltzer, age 17, of California, who created The Cramm, a daily digital newsletter that summarizes the news for Gen Z since "you can't change the world unless you know about it." The Cramm reaches readers and viewers in 113 countries.

Rachel Park, age 18, of California, who founded Curieus, a nonprofit that brings hands-on science to underserved kids to spark curiosity and increase diversity in STEM.

Shreyas Kar, age 16, of Kentucky, who created Community AI (Artificial Intelligence) to support students in building AI-driven projects that help communities and the environment, unleashing the power of AI for good.

Sonja Michaluk, age 17, of New Jersey, who works passionately to protect wetlands and drinking water sources using a novel bioassessment method she created.

Vivian Wang, age 18, of California, who co-founded Linens N Love, a nonprofit that rescues gently-used hotel linens and donates them to shelters that support women and children, people experiencing homelessness, veterans, and animals.

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