



### **Barron Prize Announces 2022 Winners**

**Boulder, CO, September 20, 2022**– The **Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes**, an award that celebrates inspiring, public-spirited young people, is thrilled to announce its 2022 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 550 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 \$26 million for their causes and have inspired countless people by their example.

#### **The 2022 winners are:**

Anna DeVold, age 17, of Alaska, who founded Promote Our Pollinators (P.O.P) to raise awareness of pollinators' importance and devastating decline, and to provide ways to promote their population growth.

Aseel Rawashdeh, age 17, of Texas, who developed an inexpensive and environmentally friendly solution to mosquito-borne diseases. Her novel method uses household essential oils and baker's yeast to create a larvicide that could be produced in industrial quantities.

Austin Picinich, age 17, of Washington, who founded Save Our Salmon Through Art (SOS) to create vibrant public art projects and murals in the Greater Seattle area that engage, educate, and empower communities to restore salmon spawning streams.

Ethan Hill, age 11, of Alabama, who created Ethan's Heart Bags4Blessings to support individuals experiencing homelessness in his city.

Hannah Guan, age 15, of Texas, who founded San Antonio Math Include (SaMi) to increase access to STEM education for underserved students.

Jack Dalton, age 12, of New Hampshire, who works to protect critically endangered orangutans and their rainforest habitat, as well as to educate and inspire people to protect the environment.

Karina Samuel, age 17, of Florida, who founded the Florida chapter of Bye Bye Plastic Bags (BBPB), an international student-led nonprofit committed to reducing the amount of plastic on the planet.

Karun Kaushik, age 17, of California, who created X-Check-MD, an Artificial Intelligence (AI) software that can diagnose Covid-19 and pneumonia with 99% accuracy in under one minute.

Khloe Joiner, age 9, of Texas, who founded A Book and a Smile to help build kids' home libraries and to improve relationships between children and the police.

Laalitya Acharya, age 18, of Ohio, who invented Nereid, a low-cost, globally applicable device that uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to detect water contamination within seconds.

Lucy Westlake, age 18, of Illinois, who founded LucyClimbs to raise awareness of the need for clean water in developing countries by climbing the world's highest mountains. She is the youngest American woman ever to summit Everest.

Luna Abadía, age 17, of Oregon, who founded the Effective Climate Action Project (ECAP) to increase awareness of solutions to climate change – especially the possibilities of systemic thinking and collective action.

Sahana Mantha, age 15, of North Carolina, who co-founded Foundation for Girls (FFG) to economically empower homeless single mothers and support their children.

Sri Nihal Tammana, age 13, of New Jersey, who created Recycle My Battery, a nonprofit that installs free battery recycling bins and educates young people and adults about battery recycling.

William Charouhis, age 16, of Florida, who founded We are Forces of Nature and its A Million Mangroves initiative to combat climate change and to protect coastlines from the effects of sea level rise.

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