

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## Eagle Scouts Win National Award

### ETHAN HUA AND DANIEL THOMAS

**Ages:** 18

**Hometowns:** Ethan: San Mateo, California; Daniel: Colleyville, Texas

**Scout Ranks:** Eagle Scout (Troop 42, San Mateo; Troop 1905, Colleyville)

**Made Headlines:** For being awarded the 2025 Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes, which recognizes 25 young leaders for outstanding contributions to the community and environment.

**The Scoop:** Ethan founded the H.O.P.E. (Help Our Planet Earth) Uniforms Program in 2020 to recycle and reuse school uniforms, reducing textile waste and supporting local families. Now one of the nation's largest school uniform recycling efforts, the program has saved families an estimated \$135,000 in clothing costs.

Daniel is the founder of Sustainability, a seven-year project focused on protecting waterways from plastics through innovation, direct action, educational outreach and advocacy (IDEA). He was previously featured in SL Headliners for being named one of America's Top 10 Young Scientists in the 2023 3M Young Scientist Challenge.



Ethan Hua



Daniel Thomas, with his solar-powered water disinfection invention.



# RACING TO VICTORY

## Life Scout Takes Checkered Flag



### T.J. HAGGETT

**Age:** 14

**Hometown:** Waterford, Vermont

**Scout Rank:** Life Scout (Troop 007, St. Johnsbury, Vt.)

**Made Headlines:** As one of the youngest winners at Thunder Road International Speedbowl in Vermont, at age 13.

**The Scoop:** T.J. races stock cars, having transitioned from go-karts to full-size cars only a year ago. He drives a stick-shift Ford Mustang and is supported by a number of sponsors. In the 2025 season, T.J. had three qualifying race wins as well as a main event win at Thunder Road. He also plays basketball for the 2025 Vermont Catholic Youth Organization middle school championship team and played tight end for the Rodliff Raiders football team that won the Division II Vermont state championship.

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