



New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling Inc.

Paul Scott, Science Teacher at Niskayuna High School, Receives State Recycling Leadership Award

COOPERSTOWN – Paul Scott of Burnt Hills, an environmental science teacher at Niskayuna High School, has received the 2018 Recycling Leadership Award in the K-12 School category from the New York State Association of Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling (NYSAR3).



Scott, who has been teaching earth science at NHS since 1994, is committed to recycling and composting, incorporating these subjects into the regular curriculum. He oversees the school's START Club, which empties 300 recycling bins weekly among other functions. He has been involved with Niskayuna's annual "Niska Day" overseeing site-wide recycling and clean up at the event, and has also helped Schenectady County Recycles program develop new workshops, literature and outreach about home composting.

"Paul's inspiring leadership is the driving force that allows so many students to become engaged in waste reduction behaviors and peer education at school and in the community," according to Angelina Peone of the Schenectady County Cornell Cooperative Extension, who nominated him. "He lends himself at every opportunity to share his knowledge and passion for waste reduction education."

The New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling (NYSAR³), the professional recyclers' association for New York State, recognizes a few outstanding achievers each year for their dedication, innovation, and passion for recycling. The awards were presented during closing ceremonies at the annual New York State Recycling Conference in Cooperstown on Nov. 8.

"NYSAR³ is proud to recognize and honor the professionals and organizations who work every day to make a positive impact on our environment through sustainable materials management in New York," said Kelli Timbrook, NYSAR³ president.

NYSAR³, the premiere recycling organization in New York State, provides members with expertise and education on waste reduction, reuse and recycling issues and practices to improve the environment. The group advocates for policies and programs that support environmental sustainability in the Empire State and provides access to a network of individuals and organizations that share ideas about starting and improving reduction, reuse, and recycling programs, as well as information on education and funding. More details are available on their website: www.NYSAR3.org.



Paul Scott (right) is presented with the 2018 Recycling Leadership Award, K-12 School by Angelina Peone, who nominated him for the award.