



Eco Innovation Challenge 2026 Award Winners

The **Eco Innovation Challenge**, presented with support from **Chevron**, empowers middle and high school students across the Greater Houston area to develop innovative, human-centered solutions that address real environmental challenges. Students explored two core pillars, **Environmental Engineering** and **Sustainability**, designing solutions connected to issues such as urban heat reduction, carbon capture, sustainable agriculture, waste reduction, water conservation, and environmental protection.

This year's challenge engaged **over 200 students** from across the region, highlighting their creativity, research, and problem-solving skills. Through their projects, students demonstrated how young people can use STEM to imagine practical solutions with the potential to strengthen communities, support environmental resilience, and inspire a more sustainable future.

Congratulations to all Eco Innovation Challenge participants and to this year's award winners.

Award Winners

People's Choice Award

Urban ThermoLab — Armaanuddin M.

Junior Environmental Engineering Individual Champion

Limit Exceeder — Chloe V.

Junior Environmental Engineering Team Champion

Green Pioneers Carbon Capture — Hemen A., Nathaly A., Liyat T.

Senior Environmental Engineering Individual Champion

IluvAlbedo — Thevesh P.

Senior Environmental Engineering Team Champion

Minus Metals — Antonio O., Kendrick T.

Junior Sustainability Individual Champion

M.I.S.T — Tamana H.



Junior Sustainability Team Champion

The Carbonauts — Taashvi W., Himesh M.

Senior Sustainability Individual Champion

The Overcultivation Operation — Dalton R.

Senior Sustainability Team Champion

TIDALYN — Adrian C., Luke P.

Honorable Mentions

Diva's — Diva B.

Underworld Frontiersman — Daniel J.

Micro-Hydro — Carlos A., Jose C., Jakob Y., Wayner C.

Energized MS - Soil Microbial Sensors — Qalekedane L., Kathya C., Clever U.

AbiTo Brick — Diego B., Gabriel R., Zehra E.

Seed Deployment Rover (SDR-1) — Aaron S., Joel V., Joash V., Jeremiah G.

FloraFlow — Sarah N., Kasia T.

The Clear Solution (Microplastic Removal) — Dhir G.

Super Solars — Hammad T.

Food Fighters — Victor V., Alishba K.

Thank You to Chevron

Space Center Houston extends its sincere thanks to **Chevron** for supporting the Eco Innovation Challenge and helping empower the next generation of STEM innovators. Chevron's support makes it possible for students to explore real environmental challenges, develop future-ready skills, and imagine solutions that can create meaningful impact for Houston and beyond.