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## Green award winners educate and inspire others

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From left: James Leach and Kelsey Levante  
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Two Lafayette residents were recognized for their contributions to helping the city achieve its environmental goals.

The Environmental Task Force, now in its 11th year, selected winners based on the candidates' activities reducing their footprint, helping achieve the city's environmental goals and inspiring others in the community.

Campolindo High School student Kelsey Levante and Lafayette resident James Leach received their recognition at the April 23 city council meeting.

Kelsey won "for inspiring and educating the Lafayette community about environmental sustainability."

A member of the Campolindo Environmental Club, Kelsey helps in the garden after school and has learned how to build an aquaponics system for the school to be used by the AP environmental science classes and the biology classes as an example of symbiotic, closed-loop system. Kelsey inspires her classmates in sustainable practices.

Leach won "for educating local residents on the climate crisis."

Many in the community know Leach for his research on air quality, and his presentations to the city council on particulate matter. Trained by the Climate Reality Project and the author of "The Sustainable Way: Straight talk about global warming - what causes it, who denies it, and the common sense transition to renewable energy," Leach has worked with Sustainable Lafayette to promote air quality monitoring.

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