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Mapleton students win award for recycled art

'Unlikely Places' to be displayed at Alpine Waste & Recycling Plant

THORNTON, Colo. (Nov. 29, 2010) — With an emphasis on the “beauty” of recycling, a team of four [Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts](#) students has captured first place in a “recycled art” contest sponsored by Alpine Waste & Recycling.

The winning team of sophomores Jose Dominguez, Randy Preston, Tiffany Elkins and Tiara Pulliam created a sculpture called “Unlikely Places,” using discarded glass, wires, shredded soft drink cans and flip-top tabs. The sculpture takes its title from the students’ belief that “sometimes beautiful things come from unlikely places.”

The art project began on America Recycles Day, Nov. 15, as MESA students descended upon Alpine’s [Altogether Recycling](#) Plant in Denver to collect recycled materials for their projects. MESA teacher John Humphrey gave each team four entire “intensive” days in which to mold, assemble and complete their artwork.

The projects were judged by [Miss Colorado](#) Melaina Shipwash and Alpine executives John Griffith and Brent Hildebrand. The winning artwork will be displayed in the conference room of the [Alpine Waste & Recycling](#) Altogether Recycling Plant in Denver for 12 months.

“These students far exceeded our expectations in terms of the creativity they displayed and the enthusiasm with which they embraced our ecological message,” said Alpine President John Griffith. “The recycled material at our Altogether Plant has never been put to better use.”

In support of the school’s art department and its commitment to recycling, Alpine donated \$500 and absorbed other expenses relating to the project.

Cutline ID, Winners_UnlikelyPlaces_Small (L-R): Front row, Randy Preston, Tiara Pulliam, Jose Dominguez, Tiffany Elkins. Back row, John Griffith, Melaina Shipwash, Brent Hildebrand.

About Alpine Waste & Recycling

Alpine Waste & Recycling is the largest privately held commercial waste and recycling collection company in the Denver area. Founded in 1999 as a single-truck operation, the company has parlayed a customer-service focus into a compound annual revenue growth rate of greater than 40 percent. With more than 50 trucks and more than 170 employees, Alpine hauls more than 130,000 tons of waste and recycle products per year. In early 2009, the Colorado Association for Recycling named Alpine as the state's most outstanding business for its recycling/diversion program. That division of Alpine is called Altogether Recycling.™ ColoradoBiz Magazine in 2008 named Alpine as the state's Top Company (Service Category); and in 2010 named Alpine as a "Colorado Company to Watch." Commerce City named Alpine as its 2010 Small Business of the Year. Call 303-744-9881 or go to www.alpinewaste.com.