



Media Advisory

Rishab Jagetia, Memorial Senior High School, Houston, TX recognized as runner-up for the Youth Energy Leadership Award.

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Manassas, Virginia – The NEED is pleased to announce the 2020 runner-up recipient of the Youth Energy Leadership Award to Rishab Jagetia of Memorial Senior High School in Houston, Texas.

The Youth Energy Leadership Award was created by NEED's Board of Directors to recognize students who go above and beyond in their pursuit of energy knowledge and the teaching of others. This prestigious award is designed to honor students demonstrating effective leadership skills and energy knowledge throughout their association with NEED.

NEED congratulates Rishab Jagetia of Memorial Senior High School on being selected as runner-up for the 2020 Youth Energy Leadership Award which includes a \$500 scholarship to be used for educational plans. Rishab has been accepted to Duke University to pursue a degree in environmental science and policy.

In high school, Rishab was the Head of Education for the Houston Youth Climate Council (HYCC), an organization dedicated to educating the community about climate change, involving youth, and working towards a goal of helping transition the city of Houston to become more sustainable. He went out of his way to plan meetings and create a team-like environment and being involved with the organization helped him realize how crucial public policy is in influencing energy at the local and federal level.

Nominations from his teachers highlight how passionate and inquisitive Rishab is on learning about the environment and energy. His AP Environmental Science teacher, Justin Schreer, notes, "This kid wants to know everything about environmental stewardship! He leads class discussions using information and statistics and is involved in several off-campus groups that aim to address misconceptions in environmental and energy issues." Rishab's AP Biology teacher, Jo Ann Strait, notes he's the first to offer discussion and quick to assist others.

In his own words, Rishab says, "When I learned of the importance of understanding our energy system, I viewed the world in a different light. In the future, I plan to utilize my knowledge of energy production, energy forms, and solutions to our energy crisis to create a better system."

Congratulations to this bright young man, we wish you great success with your goals and college aspirations!

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