

2017 Program of the Year

Tintah River Watch Program Bois de Sioux Watershed District

River Watch is a citizen monitoring program of the International Water Institute (IWI) which involves students and teachers in certified collection of water quality data, analysis and presentation of that data, group leadership, grassroots community activism, and state level environmental activism. The Campbell-Tintah River Watch program has participated and excelled in all of these areas. Student members monitor local river water quality monthly during open water (including summer months) logging data into a statewide database. Students use their data to address questions regarding local water quality in a basin-wide competition each spring, as well as direct application to local issues through the Bois de Sioux Watershed District and on their own. Students recently initiated the creation of a partnership with a local community group to provide community canoeing outings that will provide recreation and environmental education opportunities for area residents. Students have advocated for IWI program funding before Minnesota House and Senate committees on several occasions. Campbell-Tintah River Watch is an actively involved group of committed, responsible, knowledgeable students working hard to understand and improve their environment and community.



Luke Goettle (holding award - project co-coordinator), Elise Klindt (8th Grade), Micah Christensen (Junior, project co-coordinator)
Back Row from left: Ruth Schafer, MAWD President, Linda Vavra, BDSWD Board President, Allen Wold, BDSWD Board Vice President, Roy Mayeda—Instructor at Campbell Tintah High School