



# Customer Pipeline

**Emerald Coast Utilities Authority**

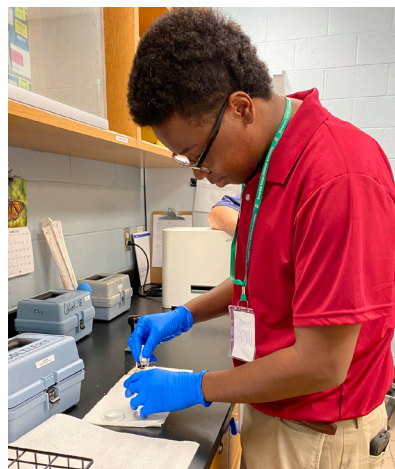
## ECUA's 2025 Career Exploration Program: A Summer Opportunity for High School Students



Have you ever wondered where the water goes after it disappears down the drain, or what happens to the trash and recycling we throw away? ECUA's 2025 Career Exploration Program invites high school students to dive into the world of utilities with hands-on experiences that open the door to future career possibilities.

This 5-day summer "camp" offers an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at key ECUA operations, from wastewater treatment to water testing, recycling, and more. Students will explore a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment facility, learning about the journey water takes from your home to its proper treatment and return to nature. They'll have the chance to perform water quality tests in a fully equipped laboratory and even practice opening a fire hydrant! Students will tour the ECUA's Materials Recovery Facility, where they'll get to sort recyclables and even operate a garbage truck arm, seeing first-hand the impact of waste management.

The program provides valuable insight into daily utility operations, giving students a better understanding of the infrastructure that serves our community. Along the way, they'll gain valuable work experience, explore potential career paths, and possibly even open doors for internships, mentorships, or future employment opportunities. At the end of the week, students will receive a certificate of completion and be recognized at an ECUA Board Meeting and a school assembly.



This unique opportunity aims to deepen students' appreciation for essential services like water treatment and waste disposal while inspiring future careers in these vital industries. Apply today to explore a future you've never considered before!



### Program Details

- June 16th-June 20th, 2025
- At the ECUA Ellyson Industrial Park Campus  
9255 Sturdevant St.  
Pensacola, FL 32514
- Questions?  
Call 850-969-3348

### Apply Today!

Deadline to Apply:  
April 30, 2025





## Who Are the Latest Recycle Stars?

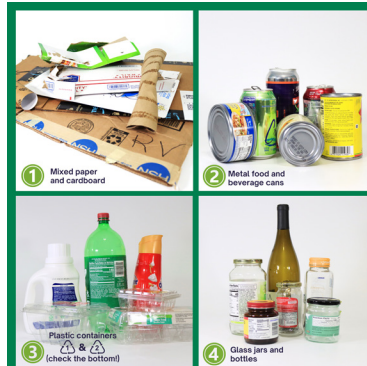
The Recycle Star Program recognizes our residential recycling customers who consistently practice positive, safe and clean recycling through a monthly award presented to an ECUA residential recycling customer, determined by an impartial ECUA selection committee. Criteria for judging includes random inspection of individual recycle containers by ECUA recycling staff, and confirmation of compliance with recycling guidelines. We recognize the monthly winner with a certificate and a \$50 check from ECUA or our Recycle Star Program vendor partner, My Pensacola Credit Union.

### Our Recycle Star winners for the second half of 2024 are:

June: Monika Durbin  
 July: Ashley Hall  
 August: Robert Wartman  
 September: Alexander Carlson  
 October: Andrew Thrash  
 November: Justin and Lee Freeman  
 December: Andrew Wuest

Congratulations to all our winners, and thank you for being Recycle Star champions!

### Recycling is Easy-- Remember the Core Four:



## Leaf the Plastic Behind!

ECUA's biosolids composting facility, located on-site at our Central Water Reclamation Facility, needs your help! In order to maximize the quality of the composted yard waste, we recommend the use of brown compostable paper yard waste bags, or reusable plastic cans designated for yard waste, instead of the traditional plastic yard trash bags.

Paper yard waste bags are easily found in home improvement centers, retailers, through online sources, and in garden centers and nurseries. Plus, if you ask for paper bags at the grocery store, they'll serve double duty when you recycle them into yard waste bags!

So, the next time you find yourself reaching for that plastic yard waste bag, remember to 'leaf the plastic behind' because **Brown is the New Green!**

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