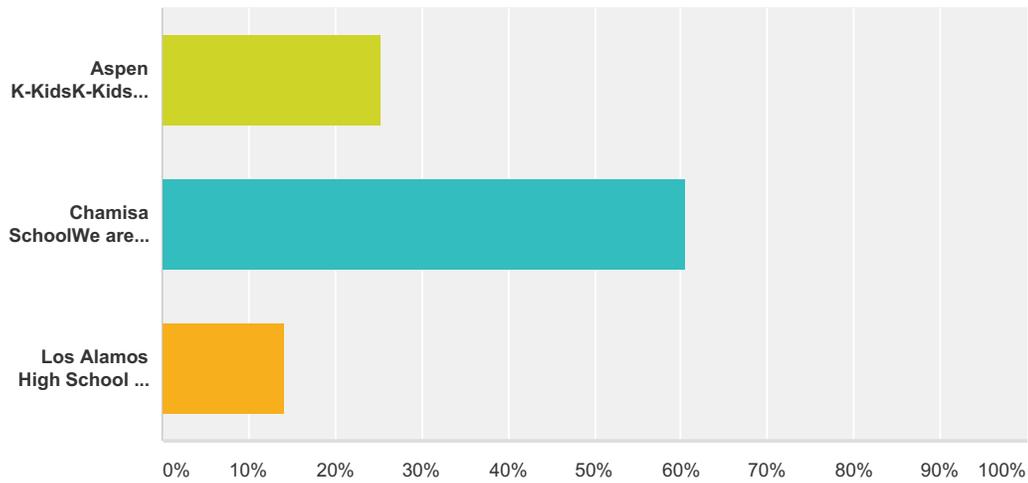


Q1 Select your choice for 2017 "Educational Institute" Business Recycler of the Year

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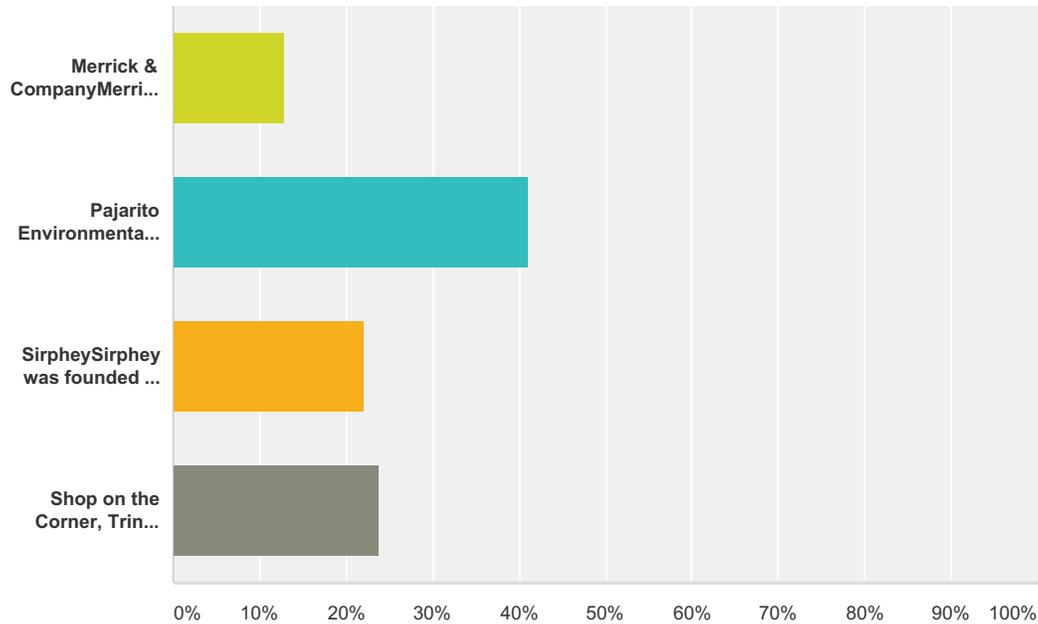


Answer Choices	Responses
<p>Aspen K-KidsK-Kids is an international student-led organization providing members with opportunities to perform service, build character, and develop leadership. Aspen K-Kids is a good candidate for 2017 Business Recycler of the Year because our club has selected recycling for our school as one of our major service projects. The K-Kids start every session by stating their pledge, "As a K-Kid, I promise to serve my neighborhood and my school. I will show respect toward my environment and I will try to make the world a better place in which to live." Collecting the recycling every week for our school allows our club to live up to our wonderful pledge. The K-Kids plan and participate in many community service projects throughout the year, while also serving our school every week by collecting the recycling. By teaching students about the importance of recycling and providing this service to our school we are making our school and our community a better place to live. The K-Kids collect the recycling once a week for the entire school. When we started we only had three bins, but thanks to our efforts and encouragement to recycle we have a recycling dumpster at our school. The larger recycling container ensures that we are able to continue encouraging the Aspen staff and students to recycle every day. The students look forward to recycling every week even during those cold winter months. The teachers are incredibly grateful to have this task taken care of for them, which helps further promote recycling at our school. We have also tried to raise awareness by occasionally putting up posters around the school encouraging Aspen Tigers to recycle. Our hope is that students will grow up to be environmentally concerned citizens who are active in serving their community.</p>	<p>25.30% 64</p>

<p>Chamisa School We are honored to be nominated for the 2017 Los Alamos Business Recycler of the Year. Here is some background information on how our recycling/zero waste program evolved this year, how it is being sustained, what waste is being diverted and the impact it is having on our community. This initiative is a multi-dimensional project (STEAM (Science, Technology, Environment, Art and Math) and a continuation from last year. The program has been sustained and grown because we now are recycling and composting every day all year long. Students and teachers helped students at lunch sort trash into compost, liquid, cardboard and other recyclable materials. Each day saves up to approximately 5 pounds of trash. That is 800-900 lbs. a school year. Chamisa Elementary School and Los Alamos County continued our work from the previous year to participate in the District Wide Recycle Art Contest and Fashion Show in November. We had two art contests, one for recycling and one for Zero Waste lunch. County Environmental Services Manager, Angelica Gurule supported our efforts. She worked with Renee Mitsunaga, the head of the Poster project. She and Angelica also worked on the Recycle Fashion Show. Chamisa teacher, Megan Lee and her Green Team, comprised of fourth grade students, also launched two Zero Waste Free Lunch Challenges in 2017. Students on the Green Team made a video to show students how to pack a Waste Free Lunch. Over 160 students participated one day in late February to bring a waste free lunch. Students who brought a waste free lunch were eligible for prizes. Prizes were donated from the Chamisa PTO, Los Alamos County Eco Station and the Los Alamos Food Co-op. It was so successful the Green Team decided to do an entire week of bringing waste free lunches right after Earth Week. Over 110 students participated. These events diverted waste altogether and went from two full trashcans a day to one a day diverting 10 -15 pounds/recycling a day. The principal of Chamisa impacted the community by working with the hot lunch vendors to encourage the use of paper rather than Styrofoam. Currently the vendor is serving lunch now on paper trays that are supposedly recyclable. We also have extended the reach of our recycling working with the Food Co-op. We are now accepting Terra Cycle for granola bar, wrappers, and chip bags which can divert about ½ pound of trash per day. We hope to extend our waste free lunch program even more next year so we can divert even more trash every day and our goal will be to less than one full trash can a day. We hope to give incentives to families that take time to pack waste free lunches. If we do this all year long we can increase our waste diversion to well over 1,000-1,200 pounds a year. We need to add an element of measuring more precisely next year so we can get a more accurate number of how much waste we are diverting.</p>	<p>60.47% 153</p>
<p>Los Alamos High School Eco Club I feel that LAHS Eco Club is a good candidate because this is a nice group of high school students that genuinely care about the environment they live in. They worked really hard to collect 1500 used plastic water bottles at our school, often times digging them out of the trash. We started a recycle pick-up this year: the special education department volunteered to collect all blue recycle bins from teachers. And they helped us even more by sorting through the bins and taking out the plastic water bottles for us. We worked with a wonderful staff member from PEEC (Kate Barrare) on our Earth Day project. Many LAHS students spent several hours on a Sunday afternoon washing and de-labeling the bottles. Our goal was to educate LAHS staff and students, as well as the Los Alamos community about the fact that 1500 plastic water bottles are consumed every second in the US. We also wanted to teach everyone that most of those 1500 plastic water bottles are not being recycled and why. One of our Eco Club students also made a vertical garden using plastic 2 liter soda bottles as planters. She did this at Aspen Elementary and got a sixth grade class involved and excited about the project. Eco club students already have plans for continuing our quest to reduce our waste here at LAHS next year: They want to start a compost system with our Food Service and attempt to get them to stop selling bottled water! Every year we do a project to reuse waste. Last year we made plan (plastic yarn) out of used plastic grocery bags, which was crocheted into usable items such as purses.</p>	<p>14.23% 36</p>
<p>Total</p>	<p>253</p>

Q2 Select your choice for 2017 "Commercial/Non-profit" Business Recycler of the Year

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Answer Choices	Responses
<p>Merrick & Company Merrick & Company (Merrick) is honored to be nominated as a candidate for the Los Alamos 2017 Business Recycler of the Year. We truly appreciate the opportunity to share our recycling initiatives and benefits within our wonderful community. Merrick is an Employee Owned company with a corporate culture and resources that encourage opportunities for waste diversion, sustainability and recycling in our offices and communities. Merrick, as a premier Architectural Engineering (A/E) firm, utilizes sustainable and innovative design practices every day to specify recycled materials, energy efficient equipment, and Long-term design solutions to tackle the unique and complex projects of our Clients. 2017 Large Initiative: For several years, Merrick leased a 12' x 30' store room and utilized an unused portion of our office space to store office furniture including bookshelves, tables, file cabinets, and other various office items that were no longer necessary for our day-to-day operations. We had just about given up hope of finding a way to recycle the furniture, but this year we found a partner in Habitat for Humanity out of Espanola, NM. Habitat for Humanity picked up our excess furniture, put it in their Restore locations to sell and raise funds for their organization. Several large truckloads of materials were diverted from landfills and funds were raised to support families and communities in Northern New Mexico. Small Initiatives Every Day: Merrick supplies reusable silverware, plates, bowls, cups and glasses in our kitchen outfitted with a modern dishwasher to reduce the daily trash that would be associated with disposable kitchen products. The kitchen also offers several methods for reheating foods and a large refrigerator/freezer to make it easier for employees to bring food in from home and reheat for lunch. Each office space is supplied with a recycle bin and three bins are located in the kitchen for the separation of recyclable products such as aluminum cans, plastic containers, packaging materials, and paper products. One of our employees started a recycling program for batteries and Compact Fluorescent (CFL) light bulbs for the office and our home waste products. Employees bring in their batteries and CFLs from home and deposit them in boxes. When the boxes get full, our volunteer takes the items to the Los Alamos Country Eco Station to recycle in mass. Merrick utilizes a nationally certified company to securely shred excess paper documents and recycle the paper by-product. To further reduce waste paper, Merrick along with several of our Clients have switched to electronic media. We are no longer producing reams of paper in plastic binders to transmit our proposals and design packages to our Clients. Merrick is also committed to StEP (Solving the E-Waste Problem) and utilizes Dell's recycle program when our computing devices reach their end-of-life functionality.</p>	<p>13.04% 33</p>

<p>Pajarito Environmental Education Center PEEC is committed to recycling our own waste, and to sharing information with others about how they can do the same. We seek to show people how recycling and reducing use helps to protect and preserve our natural resources and nature. Below are some of the ways we work to achieve this:- PEEC and the County's Clean-up Day in White Rock Canyon resulted in almost a ton of materials taken out of the canyon and recycled.- We worked with the Los Alamos High School Eco Club to create the "One Second of Bottles" art installation and informational project at the Earth Day Festival this year.- We distributed reusable water bottles to all 4th graders as part of the County Department of Public Utilities' Water Festival.- We host informational programs, such as the field trip to the Friedman Recycling Center, which we put on in partnership with the County Environmental Services Division.- We are spearheading the effort to make the upcoming New Mexico Association of Museums conference free of disposable-bottles, and, in general, as waste-free as possible.- We are hosting the "A Different Way" discussion course about reducing our impact on the earth.- Our building is LEED GOLD certified, in part because of our water collection system, electric car charter, water bottle filler, low-flow toilets, and solar panels.- We promote sustainability through our gift shop, selling items made from recycled or reclaimed materials.- Our gardens educate visitors on native drought tolerant species, pollinator plants and other conservation/stewardship issues.</p>	<p>41.11% 104</p>
<p>SirpheySirphey was founded by a former LANL employee, with one goal in mind; to change how we look at food. Their goal is to provide affordable, high quality, diverse cuisine that is prepared by skilled chefs who aren't worked into the ground. They keep costs low and employee workload reasonable by being a takeout-only restaurant, which generates a lot of waste. They've overcome this problem by sourcing all of their packages from eco-friendly companies. All of the packaging at Sirphey is made from renewable or recycled/recyclable material and most of it is compost-able.Eating out is inherently wasteful, and there's some environmental impact that we have to accept when we choose where our next meal comes from, but in my opinion Sirphey has done a fantastic job of minimizing waste all the way from the farm to the table.</p>	<p>22.13% 56</p>
<p>Shop on the Corner, Trinity of the Hill Episcopal ChurchThe Trinity on the Hill, Shop on the Corner Thrift Store offers a place to purchase affordable clothing and household goods by providing a place for responsible off-loading and reuse of no-longer-wanted items. It creates a sense of community for customers, volunteers, and those in need.The Shop is run entirely by volunteers and depends on donations from our generous local community. More than two dozen volunteers support the Shop which is operated with no paid employees. These volunteers spend about 3,000 hours per year sorting, cleaning, repairing, and pricing the donations. The weekly sales generate revenues of approximately \$25,000 annually. The annual financial and in-kind contributions go primarily to regional charitable organizations, with about one third going to local Los Alamos-based beneficiaries. About 98% of the Shop's revenue is distributed to charities including Navajo land Area Mission, LA Cares food pantry, Food Depot in Santa Fe, Self Help, Inc., Los Alamos YMCA Teen Center, and Habitat for Humanity, local animal shelters, and many more. The Shop also makes in-kind contributions of unsold items to Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the community of Bernal, New Mexico. Nearly everything received in donation is recycled. The Shop recently relocated to a newly renovated space in the former Teen Center of the Church. There is a large bin outside the Shop entrance which allows people to drop off their donations at any time. Receipts for donations to be used for tax purposes are available from volunteers. In addition, the Shop recently began having Saturday sales on the second Saturday of each month. The intent is to attract more customers from the local community who might not be able to take advantage of the weekly Wednesday sales.</p>	<p>23.72% 60</p>
<p>Total</p>	<p>253</p>