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“Although he may only be 13 years old, Pavan Raj Gowda of Fremont has already written two books, earned the 2012 President’s Environmental Youth Award and began a non-profit organization called Green Kids Now....

His passion for the environment started at a young age as he would walk around the streets cleaning up the excess of litter on the ground. Pavan, disappointed by the trash that littered the streets, then took his concern to school, encouraging his elementary school to implement new and environmentally friendly regulations like replacing the light bulbs to the eco-friendly fluorescent bulbs, printing on both sides of copy paper, utilizing recycle bins, and using biodegradable plates and spoons at school birthday parties.

Through his organization Green Kids Now, Pavan strives to build a community of kids to raise awareness of environmental issues, share ideas and care for our environment. The mission of Pavan’s organization is to “help kids take the path of innovation by utilizing STEM areas (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics), while being responsible and caring towards our planet.” To raise further awareness, Pavan hosts an annual conference called the Green Kids Conference, which is intended to educate parents and students about green issues. Although the 2014 Green Conference has passed, you can catch the next Green Conference on June 13, 2015 at the Microsoft Silicon Valley Campus!

In addition to his work with Green Kids Now, Pavan has written blog posts for the EPA and he even created a list of criteria that schools must abide by to be eligible for the Green Star Award, an award that recognizes the schools and organizations that have taken an active effort in assisting in environmental emergencies. He has even authored two books, Two Tales of a Kid! and Geckoboy: The Battle of Fracking, both of which can be found at local retail stores and Amazon.com.

Clearly, Pavan has a bright future ahead of him! With the numerous accolades upon his shoulders at such a young age, I know you will be doing wonderful things for your community and environment in the years to come.” <http://greenkidsnow.org/>