

Sage Environmental Services' Julie Pond named a Rising Star



Founder and President Julie Pond has been included in Waste & Recycling News' first annual Rising Stars Awards

(Seattle, WA) – March 5, 2012 – Julie Pond, president and founder of Sage Environmental Services, Inc., has been selected as part of *Waste & Recycling News'* first annual "Rising Stars" awards, honoring the waste industry's brightest young talent from across the country. Along with Ms. Pond, fellow honorees include Tom Szaky, CEO of TerraCycle and Brooke Farrell, CEO of RecycleMatch.

This is the first year that Waste & Recycling News (WRN) has compiled a list of Rising Stars – professionals under the age of 45 who are seen as the current and future innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders dedicated to continuing the transformation of the solid waste industry. Honorees are celebrated for bringing new trends, ideas and solutions to the marketplace, providing continued innovation, productivity and profitability all while working towards building a better planet for all.

"I am delighted to be selected as one of WRN's Rising Stars" says Pond. "Sage Environmental Services has always been a champion for innovation and waste reduction. It is a privilege to be included among these outstanding and notable professionals who share a commitment to innovation, pioneering efforts and transforming the industry."

Julie Pond founded Sage Environmental Services in 2001 to showcase the Pacific Northwest as a proving ground for best sustainable practices in the facility services and environmental services industries. Julie obtained a Masters Degree in Environmental Sciences from the Evergreen State College, where her candidacy paper was picked up by the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center. Julie completed the Executive Leadership Program at Cornell University's SC Johnson School of Graduate Management, and also earned a double-degree in PsychoBiology and Environmental Sciences from the University of Washington. Julie is an active member of her community, including volunteer work as an Urban Creek Steward and serving as Chairman of the Seattle Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

About Sage Environmental Services

Sage Environmental Services, Inc. is a pioneering leader in Green Facility Maintenance, serving clients in the Greater Seattle and San Francisco Bay Areas. Sage provides world-class eco-friendly services, including full-service Janitorial, Day Porter, painting, Fleet Washing, Carpet Cleaning, Window Cleaning, and Valet Trash & Recycling Service. All Sage clients receive free assistance with waste reduction, LEED points, and green purchasing. <http://sagebug.com>

About Waste & Recycling News

Waste & Recycling News (WRN) has been a leader in providing news and information from the solid waste and waste disposal industries for the last 17 years. This is the first year for their Rising Stars awards, honoring the young leaders of the industry. The full list of honorees and related stories are available online as of March 5th, 2012. www.wasterecyclingnews.com

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