

**DUNN-SEILER MUSEUM**  
**2019 Earth Day**  
**Competition**  
***Protect Our Species***

We are experiencing the largest period of extinction in the last 60 million years.

In nature, nothing exists alone. (Rachel Carson, 1962)

Mississippi has numerous extinct organisms represented in the fossil record, including mosasaurs, lions, and whales.

Mississippi Wildlife Federation lists 80 endangered species in the State of Mississippi

For Earth Day 2019, the Dunn-Seiler Museum at Mississippi State University invites you to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** in the amount of waste material we generate, and **INCREASE AWARENESS** of endangered or extinct species from our state. Let's help Mississippi maintain healthy ecosystems and save critical habitats.

**We challenge Mississippi's K-12 students to create a model of endangered or extinct species using repurposed, *discarded items* that might otherwise end up in a landfill.** Grab that toilet paper roll before it gets in the garbage! That lid can't be recycled, so why not wash it and use it in your model? Challenge yourself to create a good model without purchasing anything for the project!

**GUIDELINES:**

1. *Individual K-12 students or student groups can participate.*
2. Construct an original, unique model from discarded, clean items, including cardboard, Styrofoam, plastics, metal cans, the list is endless! (No glass, please, for safety reasons.)
3. *Your model should measure no larger than 50 cm x 50 cm ( x 100 cm maximum height).*
4. Your model should represent an endangered species of Mississippi – or an organism that lived in Mississippi that is now extinct.

**Drop off your entries by 5pm, April 17 2019 to the Department of Geosciences, 108 Hilbun Hall, Mississippi State University.**

On Earth Day, winners will be announced for elementary (K-5), middle (6-8), and high school (7-12) individuals and/or groups. Winning entries will be displayed at the Geosciences booth at MSU Earth Day, and the Dunn-Seiler Museum.

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