Meet Our Stage 1 Fellows!

Cal Poly Humboldt

Hannah Dominguez (she/her)
Hi! My name is Hannah, I am a senior at Cal Poly Humboldt studying Environmental Science and Management with a concentration in Energy and Climate. I currently work for Cal Poly Humboldt’s Office of Sustainability as the Compost Fellow. I also work as the Art Coordinator for Cal Poly Humboldt’s Women’s Resource Center. After graduation I hope to work in the Energy Sector on implementing renewable energy onto the grid and projects that improve residential home energy usage. My hope is to address the intersections of race, gender, wealth, environmental injustices, etc. in all current and future work that I do. I am excited to be working with PLAN as an Atlas Fellow to conduct a campus wide assessment on Cal Poly Humboldt’s waste management, policies, and practices!!

Marshall University

Isabella Schrader (she/her)
Hi everyone! My name is Bella Schrader and I am currently a junior at Marshall University, in Huntington, WV. I am double majoring in Entrepreneurship and Sustainability Management/Technology, with minors in Engineering Sciences, Marketing and Finance. This is my first semester as a Zero Waste intern, and I am very excited to be working on this project! Along with working with the sustainability department for this project, I also work at the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship on my campus. My passion is to ultimately strive to better the lives of others by addressing environmental and sustainability concerns using business and design thinking.

In 2021, I completed research through the Smithsonian’s Natural History Research Experience Program, where I focused on machine learning and the Smithsonian’s open access educational system in regards to studying botany. In my free time, I enjoy traveling, theater, and going to concerts, and I have been a part of my university’s branch of the TEDx program for the past two years.
Kaylynn O’Curran (she/her)
Hello! My name is Kaylynn O’Curran and I am a senior at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. I am double majoring in Environmental Policy and Decision Making and Gender Queer Studies and minoring in Education. This is my first semester as a Zero Waste intern and I am very excited to get better acquainted with my campus and how it functions in terms of waste. I am currently the Project Manager for UPS's Sustainability Services where I put on monthly workshops and events for my campus that focus on building community as well as showing the different ways environmental issues intersect with other communities. I believe that community building and education are some of the main ways to fight the climate change that our world is facing. I am also a Puget Sound Outdoors leader where I get to take people on my campus outdoors to connect with each other and nature!

In my free time, I love to hang out with my dog Solana and my friends. Usually that includes taking her hiking, backpacking, or rock climbing with me (she can’t climb of course but she does try). I also love reading, painting, sketching, and have recently gotten into kayaking. I also have a passion for volunteering/interning for political campaigns and have been doing that since I was a Junior in highschool.

Paige Shinall (she/her)
Hi all! My name is Paige Shinall and I am a sophomore at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. I am double majoring in Natural Science with an emphasis in Geology and Environmental Policy and Decision Making. This is my first semester as a Zero Waste intern and I’m super excited to learn more about waste management on my campus! Additionally, I just began working within the Sustainability Services at UPS as a Project Assistant and am excited to dive deeper into this role and help make a difference on campus. While I am not quite sure what career path I want to enter into, I am passionate about sustainability and hope to enter into a career in which I can combine geology with environmental science to create change! I am also a varsity athlete on campus and have been part of the women’s tennis team since my freshman year! In my free time I love to get outside and hike, backpack, camp, or even just go for a walk. I also love exploring the Pacific Northwest by going to local events, concerts, and trying out new food spots!
Sarah Kurtz (she/her)
Hello! My name is Sarah, and I am in my fourth year at the University of Guelph studying criminal justice and public policy. It is my goal to work in the environmental law and policy field, with the hope of having an influential position on local government and business’ sustainability. I have worked at the sustainability office on campus for about a year, where I assist in food waste diversion and contribute to our Waste Reduction Master Plan by researching, auditing, consulting with department heads, and finding solutions. I am so excited to be a part of the fellowship program and appreciate the opportunity to be both creative and logistical in improving my campus’s sustainability.

Youstina Makhlouf (she/her)
Hi everyone, My name is Youstina and I’m super excited to be a fellow this semester! I’m a strong believer that students can make a difference, no matter what stage they are at in their career. As a student veterinarian, I’m highly aware of waste generated by my education, and I want to be a part of fostering sustainable practices on campus and in my future career.

University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth
Quinn Brophy (she/they)
Hello! My name is Quinn Brophy. I am a freshman at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. I plan to major in Integrated Studio Arts (Illustration and Game Design) and minor in Sustainability. I am currently working as the incoming coordinator / intern for the Green Navigators Program with the Office of Campus Sustainability. As someone who grew up in low-income communities, I saw how my neighbors had been impacted by the harmful effects of our ever growing climate crisis. I aim to help lessen the blow for these communities and contribute to the fight against waste and negative environmental consequences; we can all take part in the fight! In my free time work as a freelance artist, garden and enjoy cooking. I look forward to working with the team and can’t wait to start!
Meet Our Stage 2 Fellows!

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Rachel Schumacher (she/her)
Hello! My name is Rachel Schumacher. I am a senior at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. I am majoring in Environmental Studies and Geography and plan to graduate in the Fall semester of 2023. I care deeply about the environment and hope to make the world more sustainable. I am especially interested in waste management. Currently, I am a Zero Waste Assistant for the UW-Madison Office of Sustainability. Outside of school and work, I enjoy yoga, kayaking, traveling, and going to beaches. I also love going home to visit family, friends and my 16-year-old dachshund.

Emily Johnson (she/her/they)
Hello! My name is Emily Johnson, and I am a sophomore at UW-Madison. I’m studying Environmental Studies and Communication Arts: Radio-TV-Film. I want to pursue a career in educating people about environmental issues in a story-like format such as in a museum, in media production, or in K-12 education. I’ve been working at the university’s Office of Sustainability for half a year on our Zero Waste team. I deal with waste systems on campus, particularly e-waste, communication, and compost for the past year. My favorite part about my job is waste audits! Some may think it gross, but I find it so enticing to dig through the trash. I can’t wait to go start our sessions and make UW-Madison a better place to live!

Olivia Grose (she/her)
Hi! My name is Olivia Grose and I’m a junior at UW Madison. I am studying Environmental Sociology and Environmental Studies. Currently, I’m working as a Zero Waste Assistant for the Office of Sustainability at UW Madison. By participating in projects centered on promoting sustainability around campus, I’ve become passionate about the educational aspect of sustainability, and how powerful of a tool it is for collective action. In my free time I like to bake, cook, and explore Madison’s many coffee shops.
University of New Hampshire

Phoebe Adame (she/her)
Hi! My name is Phoebe and I am in my fourth year at the University of New Hampshire studying Environmental Science and Sustainability. It is my goal to either work in ecosystem research at graduate school, or to work as a sustainability consultant for private companies. I am not quite sure which path I will be taking but either way, I hope to help our Mother Earth to the best of my ability. I have worked at the UNH Sustainability Institute for the past 3 years as a Zero Waste Intern. The past two years, I have led and helped transition leadership for the Trash 2 Treasure Program on my campus and this semester I am an Atlas Fellow on Stage 2. I hope to gain a lot of experience in facilitation of zero waste, and in general sustainability related conversations!

Emily Abrusci (she/her)
Hi! My name is Emily Abrusci and I am a Sophomore at UNH studying Environmental Conservation and Sustainability with a dual major in Ecogastronomy. I hope to work in research around sustainable food systems with an interest in clubs like Slow Food and the Organic Gardening Club. I was a changemaker fellow with the sustainability institute as well as a Social Venture Innovation Challenge winner working on my sustainable business project called Grey-t Water. This year I am continuing as a changemaker fellow and am now a Zero Waste Intern. This year is my first year as a sustainability intern and I am super excited to be part of a project that is going to be making impactful change across campus.

Las Positas College

Avery Payne (she/her)
Hello! My name is Avery and I’m a second year student at Las Positas College. I’m currently studying political science, but may pursue history. As an Atlas Fellow, I hope to contribute to meaningful and sustainable change on my campus before I transfer next year!
Chabot College

Rhythm Sharma (she/her)
Hello, my name is Rhythm, and I am a second year student at Chabot College studying Biomedical Engineering and Bioengineering. I am planning to transfer soon in Fall 2023. I am really interested in making this planet a better space for all of us. My goal includes sustainability in large measure. I’m currently a Zero Waste Intern at Chabot College, where I work at the sustainability office on campus. Through research, consultation with heads of department, and problem-solving, I’ll be able to support the reduction of food waste and contribute to our Waste Reduction Master Plan. I’m really thrilled to be a part of the fellowship and value the chance to use both my creativity and my organizational skills to increase sustainability on my campus. Outside of school, I really love to bake, cook, sing, dance, and spend time with my friends & family.
Meet Our Stage 3 Fellows!

Williams College (Fall 2022)

Saumya Shinde (she/her)
Hello! My name is Saumya and I am a first-year student at Williams College. I’m excited to collaborate and learn more about zero waste, the parallels to my homeland (Mumbai, India), and changemaking at Williams! This semester I’ll be working to finalize the Zero Waste Events Guide and Bin Standardization Guidelines across campus and rethinking about sustainable merchandise across campus. How do we make sustainability accessible to everyone and inclusive? I am excited to explore sustainability through the lens of social justice because liberation of all is inter-connected - no one is free until everyone is free.

Brian Lavino (he/him)
Hello! My name is Brian and I am a Junior at Williams College majoring in Environmental Studies. My interests center around environmental policy, justice, and planning. I’m excited to find new ways to help Williams truly reach zero waste and intersect my interests with the zero waste movement on campus! This semester I’ll be working on cataloging the campus’s surplus property inventory and continuing conversations around how we can continue to improve surplus management across campus.

Williams College (Summer 2022)

Charlotte Luke (she/her)
This past summer, I expanded on the work of past Zilkha Center interns by creating implementation strategies for the goals expressed in the Report of the Working Group on Sustainability (2020) and the Zero Waste and Climate Action Plan (2022). Primarily I worked on the development of a Zero Waste Events Guide for events of all types at Williams College. I also developed a digital inventory of all surplus property in storage on campus. I enjoyed working with the other Zilkha Center interns, hiking on the weekends, and going to the Williamstown farmers market!
Pat Klugman (he/him/his or they/them/their)

This past summer I was excited to work on various projects that will help to reduce waste on campus. In particular I developed the outline of a bin standardization guide and conducted a campus-wide audit of all waste disposal bins on campus to begin the project of updating all bins to a set standard. I also developed an inventory of the Give It Up! / Tag Sale to better understand how many items the college and community partners are able to keep in circulation. This summer I enjoyed working closely with Charlotte and the Zilkha Center staff and exploring more of Williamstown!