ASU SCHOOL of SUSTAINABILITY

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

fall 2011 convocation

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Message from the Director

Welcome to Arizona State University and the nation's first School of Sustainability. I am proud to join you on this remarkable occasion.

Convocation marks a day when the entire University turns its focus to its reason for being. Arizona State University is addressing some of the most critical challenges of our time, and the knowledge and solutions that we create today will shape the quality of life for future generations.

The first School of Sustainability Convocation was celebrated on May 14, 2009 at Arizona State University by Inaugural Director Charles Redman. The candidates we honor today join their predecessors in what will surely be a long and distinguished line of sustainability graduates; they are the intellectual capital upon which so much of our future depends.

Our graduates are thinking in new ways about the natural and social environment, about equity between different parts of the planet, about the norms and aspirations of its peoples, and about what is realistically achievable in a world that will soon count nine billion inhabitants.

But they are also walking the walk – reaching out into society to help identify and implement practical 'sustainability solutions' in a wide range of domains, from urban planning and management to alternative energy, environmental decision-making, supply-chain management and food security, seeking the best outcomes for both human and natural environments both now and into the indefinite future.

All these aspects of our program strive to make sustainability a fundamental cornerstone of the cultures of the many societies inhabiting our planet, and of the behavior of the people involved.

I wish today's graduates the very best and look forward to remaining connected and collectively furthering the cause of a sustainable planet!

Sander van der Leeuw
Dean of the School of Sustainability

About the School of Sustainability

The School of Sustainability, established in 2007, offers transdisciplinary degree programs that advance practical solutions to environmental, economic, and social challenges of sustainability—especially as they relate to urban areas.

The School offers graduate programs leading to Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Arts, and Master of Science degrees in Sustainability and undergraduate programs leading to Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in Sustainability.

We focus on collaborative learning, innovative approaches, and problem-oriented training to address sustainability challenges relating to energy and materials, water, ecosystems, urbanization, international development, social transformations, climate change, and food systems. For more information, visit: schoolofsustainability.asu.edu.

The School is part of the Global Institute of Sustainability, which is the hub of ASU's sustainability initiatives. The Institute advances research, education, and business practices for an urbanizing world. For more information, visit: sustainability.asu.edu.

Candidates for Doctoral and Master's Degrees

Fall 2011

Rajesh Buch, Ph.D.
A Framework for Supporting Organizational Transition Processes Towards Sustainable Energy Systems

Gustavo Marco Antonio Ugarte Irizarri, Ph.D.
Energy and Carbon Dioxide Impacts from Lean Logistics and Retailing Systems: A Discrete-Event Simulation Approach for the Consumer Goods Industry

Lourdes Sierra, M.A.
Food, Health and Urban Planning: A School Garden Framework for Phoenix Elementary Schools

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees

Fall 2011

Tesha Renee Crawford, B.A.
International Development and Sustainability Track

Valerie Carina DeWitt, B.A.
Policy and Governance in Sustainable Systems Track

Austin Joseph Evert, B.A.
Sustainable Urban Dynamics Track

Joy Nicole Gomez-Veras, B.A.
Sustainable Urban Dynamics Track

Jeremy Michael Green, B.A.
Sustainable Urban Dynamics Track

Jeffrey Alex Jennings, B.A.
Society and Sustainability Track

Jason Eric Katz, B.A.
Sustainable Urban Dynamics Track

Julia Elaine Kerran, B.A.
Policy and Governance in Sustainable Systems Track

Edward William Lefferts, B.A.
Sustainable Urban Dynamics Track

Jacklynne Marie Lisi, B.A.
International Development and Sustainability Track, Summa Cum Laude

Beth Anne Martin, B.A.
International Development and Sustainability Track, Summa Cum Laude

Sarah Anne Martinez, B.A.
Sustainable Urban Dynamics Track

Alena Martinez-Hart, B.A.
Sustainable Urban Dynamics Track

Maureen Andrea Roxborough, B.A.
International Development and Sustainability Track

Krista Jean Thompson, B.A.
Sustainable Urban Dynamics Track

Meghan Lee Tipton, B.A.
International Development and Sustainability Track

Johnny Dean Urrea, Jr., B.A.
Policy and Governance in Sustainable Systems Track

Matthew Richard Warner, B.A.
Sustainable Urban Dynamics Track, Cum Laude

Daniel Evan Zawisha, B.A.
Sustainable Urban Dynamics Track

Musaib Ahmed Ashraf, B.S.
Economics of Sustainability Track, Summa Cum Laude

Holly Melissa Barton, B.S.
Sustainable Ecosystems Track

John Beckerleg, B.S.
Economics of Sustainability Track

Kurtis James Beverett, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Christopher Black, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Dirk Bernard Borden, B.S.
Economics of Sustainability Track

Andrew Finley Bryant, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Justin Earl Campbell, B.S.
Economics of Sustainability Track

Alex C. Chin, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Bobby Jacob Cottam, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track, Magna Cum Laude

Buck Clyde Deitz, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Christian Delgado, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Natasha Kay Dobias, B.S.
Sustainable Ecosystems Track, Summa Cum Laude

Jeffrey Peter Feher, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Joseph Frank Gardner, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Jonathan Paul Goble, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Keith Thomas Goedert, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Daniel Adam Gottlieb, B.S.
Economics of Sustainability Track, Cum Laude

Luke Patrick Graycheck, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track, Magna Cum Laude

Jade Elizabeth Handley, B.S.
Economics of Sustainability Track

Michael Austin Herod, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Krista Megan Hicks, B.S.
Economics of Sustainability Track

Corey Jamal Hosea, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track, Summa Cum Laude

Brandon Iott, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track, Cum Laude

Christopher Leigh James, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees *(continued)*

Sean James Kelly, B.S.
Sustainable Ecosystems Track

Kyle J. Kirchhoff, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track, Summa Cum Laude

Amanda Jacklyn Lam, B.S.
Sustainable Ecosystems Track, Magna Cum Laude

Aaron Charles Lance, B.S.
Sustainable Ecosystems Track, Cum Laude

Summer Dawn Lundstrom, B.S.
Sustainable Ecosystems Track, Summa Cum Laude

Jessica Elise McKenna, B.S.
Sustainable Ecosystems Track, Magna Cum Laude

Cynthia Karina Page, B.S.
Economics of Sustainability Track

Samuel Louis Peterson, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Joshua Philip Rafeld, B.S.
Economics of Sustainability Track

Lina Rassas, B.S.
Sustainable Ecosystems Track

Brian James Roser, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Soheila Shahidi, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Gian Solema, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Kristopher Charles Spector, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Timothy George Stroesenreuther, B.S.
Sustainable Ecosystems Track

Brittany Hannah Strong, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Cory Lee Walsh, B.S.
Sustainable Ecosystems Track

Kaitlin Marie Wilhalme, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track, Magna Cum Laude

Tristan Andrew Wimmer, B.S.
Economics of Sustainability Track, Summa Cum Laude

Darius Matthias Zolnierczyk, B.S.
Sustainable Energy, Materials, and Technology Track

Alumni Association

Welcome, graduate, to your life as an alumnus. As a student in the School of Sustainability, you were part of something unique. You made connections here: collaborations, partnerships, and friendships. You don't have to leave it all behind now that you have graduated.

You can stay connected to the School through the Arizona State University Alumni Association and through the School's social and professional networks. Check in on your alma mater, and keep us posted about your professional accomplishments and personal milestones.

Congratulations on your achievement. We know you will make us proud.

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or visit: schoolofsustainability.asu.edu/alumni

What is a Gonfalon?

A gonfalon is a flag or banner of medieval origin, traditionally displayed during ceremonies and processions. In academia, gonfalons represent the different fields of study within a university. They typically include the established academic color for the discipline as well as a representative symbol or emblem.

The School of Sustainability Gonfalon

This banner of ASU maroon and gold features fields of scarab green, the shade established by Arizona State University as the academic color for the new discipline of sustainability. The symbol adorning the School of Sustainability's gonfalon is a city skyline surrounded by a vine growing in an unbroken circle. The skyline denotes economic growth and social justice, while the twining vine signifies the natural environment and its relationship to all things.

Students whose names appear in this program are candidates for the degrees listed, which will be conferred subject to completion of requirements.

University commencement and convocation ceremonies are special events for all involved. Please show respect for everyone who has come to share in the experience. As a courtesy to those around you and to our graduating students, please turn off pagers and cellular phones during the ceremony.

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