

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute

Tools to build a sustainable world:
Inspiring books, curriculum & professional development for
Social Emotional Learning, Diversity & Environmental Action



The Stone Soup Leadership Institute Annual Report 2022

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Young Heroes Award



Congratulations
Mitzi Jonelle Tan
Youth Advocates for Climate Action Philippines

Recipient of the
Young Heroes Award
which provides financial, mentors, and partnerships to scale
youth-led climate change organizations



THRIVE GLOBAL
Caring for the Circle of Life
*If children learned about climate change, or
about plastic pollution, and what they can do to
stop it, you could build a whole generation who
care for the environment instead of destroying it.*
Lilly Platt, The Netherlands

Imagine...

What could happen if we
ignited the heroic spirit in
each one of us?

We could light the way for
a better tomorrow for our
children and the world.



Sustainability Tour • 2022
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Dear Friends,

January 2023

It's been an exciting year for the Institute with emerging partnerships that strengthen our mission. We're eager to carry this momentum forward into 2023. The Institute's Annual Report features these highlights:

The Stone Soup Ed-Tech Platform

An invaluable resource for educators and schools to prepare their students for the challenges and opportunities facing us in the 21st century.

- Comprehensive Books & Curriculum
- Social Media Campaigns
- Professional Development Tools

SustainWDN™

Designed to respond to this transition of building a sustainable workforce.

- Sustainable Career Mentor Initiative
- Sustainable Career Video Series
- SustainWDN™ Job Shadow Day

The Institute's Leadership Programs

Massachusetts

Bristol Co. Agricultural High School, Sustainability Leadership Program
B.M.C Durfee High School's CTE Environmental Science Program

California

Redwood City's Environmental Education Program

Our Goals for 2023

Build strategic partnerships to scale the Stone Soup Ed-Tech Platform.

Conduct Global Sustainability Summit with U.S. & Azores youth.

Pilot disruptive model to connect sustainable practitioners as virtual mentors with youth to develop sustainable career pathways for green jobs.

Leverage our budget of \$500K to engage others to invest in our vision.

We are a small but mighty team of young and seasoned professionals, new immigrants as well as moms with babies, teens, and grand-babies. Given what's going on in the world with all the reports about climate change —we are doing everything we can to bring climate education tools and trainings to millions of young people. They are our very best chance to save ourselves and the planet. We invite everyone to join us. We need more Stone Soup people - all pitching in and sharing their gifts and resources - and then giving just a little more. For the children.

We welcome your timely support.

Marianne Larned, Author, Founding Director

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The Stone Soup Ed-Tech Platform

The Stone Soup Ed-Tech Platform is designed to help educators and schools prepare their students for the challenges and opportunities facing us in the 21st century. It features our Learning Tools & Trainings, including our books, curricula, videos, and courses: climate education and sustainability, career mentorship and servant leadership.

This year we laid the groundwork to expand our educational tools digitally -to reach those who need them most. At a time when climate education is more important than ever, we're eager for our official roll-out in 2023.

- **The Stone Soup Model** integrates Design Thinking, Systems Change, and Healthy Communities to build partnerships with business, education, government and civic leaders to train the next generation of multicultural youth to build a sustainable economy. We are a global leader in developing educational tools, trainings, and youth-community leadership initiatives to build a sustainable workforce and economy.
- The *Stone Soup for the World* series is a comprehensive set of inspiring educational tools that address state mandates in Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI), Social Emotional Learning (SEL), and Climate Education.
- **Our Book:** We updated our book, *Stone Soup for a Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes* with a Foreword from Nobel Peace Prize winner, Costa Rica's President Oscar Arias.

- **Climate Education Curriculum:** Our Climate Education Curriculum is a dynamic, solutions-oriented program that brings the 200 stories in *Stone Soup for a Sustainable World* series to life with customized lesson plans that highlight Language Arts and STEM activities as well as Sustainable Innovations and Sustainable Career Pathways, to help guide students toward sustainable jobs to help rebuild the planet. All courses are aligned with Next Gen STEM Standards (NGSS) and state standards.
- **Educational Videos:** Thanks to **Walter Cronkite's** leadership as The Institute's chairperson for over a decade, we have produced hundreds of educational videos that teach and inspire young people to become dynamic leaders in their communities.
- **Social Media Campaign:** We create daily social media assets & provide free resources to educators nationwide that shine the light on young changemakers and emerging leaders who are helping to build a better world. Each week in our posts we feature one of the 200 people included in either *Stone Soup for the World* or *Stone Soup for a Sustainable World*. Our social media presence spotlights sustainable education, our numbers grow.
- **Professional Development Tools & Training:** help educators integrate our tools to help maximize the effectiveness of these lesson plans in the classroom, increase student engagement, and meet state and national STEM standards.

Stone Soup for a Sustainable World is highlighting the importance of how the individual on their own can make an impact. The role of educators is to motivate students to be one of those people who can be featured in these books. I think this is available for every person that is in California today. All community college students should receive this book.

**Fred Sconberg, California
Foundation for Community Colleges**



It is estimated that the transition to a sustainable economy will generate over 10 million new jobs. SustainWDN™ is designed to respond to this transition to build a sustainable workforce.

- **SustainWDN™** is a cutting-edge online platform that connects green companies with educators and guidance counselors to guide students towards sustainable career pathways. The SustainWDN™ Surveys collect data on green job projections so local communities can build a sustainable regional economy.



- **SustainWDN™ Job Shadow Day** builds on more than two decades of history hosting Job Shadow Days. In 1994 we developed the very first Job Shadow Day in partnership with the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. Over the years, this one-day event has grown and been adopted by national organizations. It is a signature program of The Institute's Leadership Initiatives in Boston, Martha's Vineyard, Hawaii, Puerto Rico: connecting professionals with high school students, culminating in an event celebrating the young people and acknowledging their mentors.

- **Seeking Strategic Partners:** The Institute is seeking strategic partners to scale the Stone Soup Ed-Tech Platform nationally and globally
- **Sustainable Career Mentor Initiative** is a disruptive model designed to fast-track the emerging sustainable economy by connecting sustainability-oriented practitioners as virtual mentors with young people, so they can explore sustainable career pathways for green jobs.

- **Highlights Video**

[The Institute's Job Shadow Day: 2010-2019.](#)



- **Sustainable Career Video Series** features diverse professionals in sustainability-oriented jobs: Marine Biology, Wastewater Management, Offshore Wind and Environmental Education.

They talk about how important mentors were to their success – opening their eyes to see new opportunities and ways of thinking – and connecting them to people in sustainability fields and opportunities for internships and jobs.

- **Video:** Marine Biologist, INSPIRE Environmental: [video](#)



The Institute's Leadership Programs

Professional Development training for educators with their students to participate in a 10-week customized program using the stories from the book/companion curriculum, *Stone Soup for a Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes*.

Massachusetts

Bristol Co. Agricultural High School
[Servant Leadership Initiative](#)
[& Sustainability Summit](#)
Dighton, Massachusetts

BCAHS students were nominated to serve as youth delegates, representing their school and their community. To prepare them for this leadership experience, we are broadening the 10-week program, including the Sustainability Tour. At the Sustainability Summit, students will be in a weeklong intensive leadership training program with students from a sister school in the Azores. They will work alongside our seasoned team of emerging leaders to envision their dreams for their lives, their communities, and the world. This initiative is in partnership with Massachusetts State Senator Pacheco and Terceira Mayor José Meneses.

The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Leadership Program and Sustainability Summit will be a remarkable learning experience for our students in leadership development, sustainability, and civic engagement as a leader in the region and Commonwealth.

Derek Costa, Superintendent
Bristol Co. Agricultural High School



B.M. C. Durfee High School's **CTE Environmental Education** **Fall River, Massachusetts**

In partnership with Bristol Community College, & local companies, we designed a 10-week program for students to learn about sustainability certificate programs: Green Building, Wastewater Management, Marine Tech, Sustainable Agriculture and Solar Technician. We held a [Sustainability Tour](#) so students had first-hand experience of companies, organizations, and educational institutions building sustainable economy.

Students listened to live and virtual speakers from sustainability fields and learned about the steps needed to pursue these careers. 15-year-old Katiushka was inspired by the story about Puerto Rican youth Josue Cruz Morales who came from humble means to become an immigration lawyer. As a Hurricane Maria refugee from Puerto Rico, Kat was able to relate on a personal level with Josue's story. She decided to pursue her dream to become an environmental lawyer. She rated the program 100 (on a scale of 1-10)

Our relationship with the Stone Soup Leadership Institute has benefited our students immensely.

It's opened their eyes to jobs in the blue and green economies. It's helped develop ideas about students in their pathways in life.

[Matthew Demarais](#), Principal



B.M.C. Durfee High School

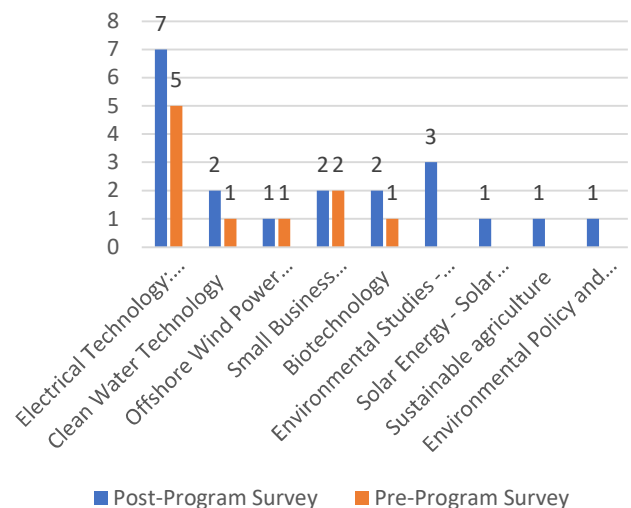
[Durfee CTE Teacher Video](#)

California

[Redwood High School](#) Redwood City, California

The Northern Region of California is the hub of technology and has been an early leader in the transition to a sustainable economy. There is a strong need for an educated workforce to support this transition in California. Our West Coast program was a customized teacher-directed program that enhanced students' awareness of sustainable career pathways and educational opportunities to secure good-paying green jobs upon graduation. We used The Institute's **SustainWDN™ Survey** to gauge student interest in certification programs

What Post-High School Certificates are you Interested in



Sustainability Survey Findings

- Student increased interest in pursuing post-high school certificates, especially sustainable agriculture. "Sustainability is vital," students said: *For a food process to be truly sustainable, it must be both ethical and sustainable in its practices.*
- Recommendation: As local community colleges look for ways to increase enrollment, they would be wise to expand their certificate programs beyond tech certificates, to include sustainability-oriented certificates.
- Redwood High School Environmental Science Teacher Video
- [Stephanie Ogden](#), Redwood High School, Redwood City, CA

Meet Our Global Multicultural Team



It's very rewarding to work with the Institute because the people we spotlight are such wonderful people. As the editor of the Stone Soup for the World series, I always feel really happy, because I'd know that it was going to be a story that would make me, and everybody else, feel good.

Janet Hulstrand, Editor

I've been organizing the Stone Soup Ed-Tech Platform so we can share the stories, lesson plans, videos, and social media posts with teachers around the world. I really enjoy working with everyone and contributing to this really great Institute that is helping to change the world. I'm really blessed to be here.

Diana Marconi, Stone Soup Ed-Tech Platform

Working for The Institute has been extremely rewarding. We have a wonderful, supportive team who are all dedicated and driven to shining the light on the young heroes in the book who are raising awareness about the importance of saving the planet, poverty and climate education.

Nicole Meyer, Social Media Manager

It is special to be able to listen to leaders from Stone Soup for a Sustainable World share their life experiences and instill knowledge into the students. As a student, listening to speakers/leaders shaped the journey of my life and it is amazing that we are able to do the same for so many more young people.

Trevor Tanaka, Sustainability Coordinator

I've been working with The Institute for 6 years. Last year I served as The Institute's in-person representative at Durfee High School. It was great to be part of such a successful program that helps multicultural young people to pursue their dreams. I'm excited to now be working with Bristol Agriculture High School. The Principal and Superintendent are very excited about the program for their students.

Berta Palaez, Program Coordinator

Education is the vehicle to realize the solutions to our world's greatest challenges. The Institute has been advancing state-of-the art educational tools for over 25 years –and I can assure you, with what we have planned for 2023, the best is yet to come!

Jim O'Neill, Partnership Development

As a coach for Fortune 500 companies and non-profit organizations and individuals in a challenging and ever-changing world, I can't think of a better way to contribute to our planet than by supporting a very diverse team of young professionals to make a difference for the generations to come.

Céline Meunier, Coach, Human Relations

It's really important to listen to our young people and to hear what they have to say. They are our future leaders. And our job is to be of service to them – so we can all learn together.

**Marianne Larned Author,
Founding Director**

I was a substitute teacher for 12 years and volunteered at my children's schools. Over the years, I've conducted dyslexia simulations at PTA conferences and professional development training for schools in our area. I'm excited and passionate about The Institute's work with students and educators.

Marilyn Wright, Executive Assistant



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