



You're Invited to The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Cronkite Awards for Climate Education

On April 20 – for Earth Week – the Stone Soup Leadership Institute will present the **Cronkite Awards for Climate Education**, honoring leaders who are champions of Climate Education. This year's recipients are:

- **New Jersey: First Lady Tammy Murphy**
- **Massachusetts: Climate Chief Melissa Hoffer**
- **Connecticut: State Senator Christine Palm**
- **Hawaii: State Representative Nicole Lowen**
- **Massachusetts: State Senator Marc Pacheco**

This hybrid awards show features live and virtual events in multiple locations with VIP speakers and Award recipients share their passion for climate education in our schools. Business leaders of sustainability-oriented companies describe the need for training a sustainable workforce. Educators ask for educational tools and resources. Companies and philanthropists pledge their support. Young people claim their right for climate education so they can develop sustainable career pathways to get green jobs to build a sustainable world.

Media spotlight climate education that engages ordinary citizens to take action

Why Climate Education? Scientists, universities, nonprofits, NGOs, concerned parents, and youth environmental leaders are working tirelessly to spread an urgent message: the next generation deserves the best educational tools to prepare them for their future – to offset the impacts of the climate crisis ([UN report](#)).

We need universal climate education now to help build a more just, equitable, and sustainable future for all.

About the Climate Education Champions: Against great odds, the leaders we are honoring have passed legislation to integrate climate education at the state level. They represent a model for future collaboration; with this event **we aim to build bridges** between leaders across states and institutions, to push this agenda forward.

A Call to Action

About the Cronkite Awards for Climate Education. Over 50 years ago Walter Cronkite covered the first Earth Day with the same passion he had for covering the moon landing, rallying more than 20 million Americans to join the movement. Mr. Cronkite served as The Institute's honorary chairperson for over a decade. His wisdom and vision of preparing youth as future leaders in their communities gave rise to this Awards Ceremony.

• **A Call to Action Video** will feature young people around the world whose stories are in *Stone Soup for a Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes*.

• They will invite everyone to sign **The Cronkite Pledge** to participate in a new kind of engaged activism and become a force for positive change in our world. We challenge everyone—Stone Soup style—to use their time, talents, and resources to bring Climate Education tools to our children—for the sake of their future and ours.

About the Stone Soup Leadership Institute: For over 25 years, The Institute has been a global leader in developing educational tools, trainings, and initiatives to build a sustainable world, and supported Climate Education legislation ([Case Studies](#)). The Institute's Climate Education Curriculum, *Stone Soup for a Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes* is being launched at the Awards event.