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SALEM, MA: The Stone Soup Leadership Institute announced its nomination process for high school teachers on the North Shore to receive its free *Stone Soup Climate Education Teacher Training*. The training is being held at Salem State University in partnership with its Geography and Sustainability Department, for MASS STEM Week on Saturday, October 19, 2024. Principals and local leaders are invited to nominate outstanding teachers. Teachers will receive free a book, curriculum, and teacher training with PD (Professional Development) credits.

"As the Commonwealth's civic engagement university, sustainability is a critical part of what we do at Salem State University. Our faculty, staff and students are committed to making our operations greener and minimizing our carbon footprint. From our seven rooftop solar arrays generating an electrifying 3.8 million kilowatt hours of power and 23 electric vehicle charging stations campus-wide, to the dozens of trees planted to eliminate heat islands through the state's Greening the Gateway Cities grant program, we're proud to lead the way with sustainability efforts on and around campus," said John D. Keenan, President of Salem State University.

Keenan continued, "on behalf of our faculty and staff members, we're honored to host the Stone Soup Leadership Institute for this powerful professional development opportunity. Our STEM educators today are critical to the state's future as they build up a new generation of leaders. It's this generation who will join us in confronting the challenges unearthed by the climate crisis tomorrow."

Keith Ratner, Chair of Salem State's Geography and Sustainability Department said, "I am pleased to help present this incredibly important curriculum and training to local teachers. The sooner young people learn about the climate change crisis, the sooner they will hopefully start to make the necessary changes."

"The climate crisis challenges each of us to do whatever we can to help our children, our communities, and the planet," says author, the Institute's Founding Director, Marianne Larned. "We believe it is imperative that our teachers are given the tools they need to teach climate and sustainability to the next generation of climate leaders."

The Institute is honored to collaborate with Salem State University, who under President Keenan's leadership, have developed a [Strategic Plan 2023-28 Short.indd \(salemstate.edu\)](#) with the goal: Environmental Sustainability – Salem State is deeply committed to reducing its environmental impact and to wise stewardship of natural resources. We believe the university must do all it can to promote and model environmental sustainability and to help SSU students understand both what is at stake and what can be done to address an accelerating climate emergency.

Teacher nominations due August 30. Teacher applications due September 15. Space is limited. Nomination [letter](#). Send name and contact information for nominated teacher to: SalemStateUPD@stonesoupleadership.org

About the Stone Soup Leadership Institute

The Institute is a Massachusetts non-profit education organization founded on Martha's Vineyard in 1997. The Institute has worked with high school students and teachers in a variety of disciplines in Massachusetts – and around the world. The Institute's [Case Studies](#) spotlights how the Stone Soup Model – with our educational tools and trainings – serves as a roadmap: when we all work together, we can build a more sustainable world.

The *Stone Soup Climate Education Curriculum* is the only comprehensive platform dedicated to climate education *and* sustainable career pathways, to prepare *all* young people for well-paying green jobs. Based on the 100 real-life stories of young people from 38 countries, the Curriculum's 100 easy-to-use lesson plans are aligned with MA State Standards and NGSS (20 states) and UN's Sustainable Development Goal (SDG). Endorsed by education, business, government leaders; tested by educators and students in high schools; and developed with young people from the Institute's climate education initiatives. Read more [here](#)

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