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***Stone Soup for a Sustainable World:
Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes***

What Does Sustainability Mean to You?

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Trevor Tanaka is the Institute's Sustainability Coordinator. Born and raised on the Big Island of Hawaii, Trevor is a founding member of the Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative. When he was in middle school, he tried to write an essay for a contest, but he found it difficult to answer the question "What does sustainability mean to you?" He realized he didn't know how to answer because he hadn't been taught about sustainability in school; he felt this was wrong, but he wasn't sure yet what to do about it. In 2011 he had the opportunity to serve as a youth delegate from Hawaii to the Institute's Youth Leadership Summit on Martha's Vineyard. There he was inspired to advocate for a Sustainable Education Resolution for the state of Hawaii. On his return to Hawaii, he did just that, and by the age of 16 he championed the resolution through to its passage.

Trevor assisted with the development of the Sustainable Hawaii Toolkit, a global model to connect youth, educators, business, and communities to build a sustainable world. He serves as an emerging leader, and is on the faculty for the Institute's Sustainability Summit, where he helps guide young people toward realizing their dreams and develops sustainability-in-action projects to help their communities. Trevor is the SustainWDNTM Project Coordinator, an online ecosystem to connect youth, educators, and companies who are dedicated to building a sustainable economy. His story is featured in the new book: [***Stone Soup for a Sustainable World: Life-Changing Stories of Young Heroes.***](#)

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