



Sustainable Energy Challenges and Solutions Will Be the Focus of April Conference for New Jersey High School Students

Student Global Ambassador Project (SGAP) Teams Up With Fairleigh Dickinson University

MADISON, NJ. March 27, 2014—Over 200 New Jersey high school students have been invited to attend one of two interactive workshops at an April conference on renewable energy to be held at Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) campus locations, according to Michele Joseph, program director of the 2014 Global Leadership and Sustainability Challenge.

The April 10 and 24 workshops will give students an opportunity to learn from experts how renewable energy solves many real world energy problems. The students will work together in teams to come up with solutions to a real-life energy need. Both workshops are open to the press by registration.

The schools that will participate in the April Conference include Barack Obama Green Charter School, Bergen County Academies, Morristown High School—STEM Academy, Rahway High School, and Randolph High School.

“This is an excellent way to engage high school students more deeply in science, technology, engineering and math—the STEM disciplines,” explained Joseph, who is also executive director of the Student Global Ambassador Project (SGAP). “It will give them real-world experience in putting theory into practice.”

She added, “At this age, students soak up knowledge like sponges, and they are not constrained by how things have been done in the past. It’s the perfect time to get them more engaged in science challenges and solutions.”

Joel Harmon, executive director of the Institute of Sustainable Enterprise (ISE), one of the partners in the Challenge, noted that, “This new collaboration brings high school students into our sphere, and helps us inspire the next generation of sustainable enterprise entrepreneurs and scientists. It fits right in with the ISE mandate to bring different groups and organizations together to help create a sustainable, flourishing world.”

The April conference is the kick-off event for the three-part 2014 Global Leadership and Sustainability Challenge, a STEM initiative. It will be followed in the fall by an entrepreneurial session focused on renewable energy and culminate in an annual High School Social Venture Ideas Competition in the spring of 2015 to be held at the Rothman Institute of Fairleigh Dickinson University.



The Institute of Sustainable Enterprise, located at FDU, and the Student Global Ambassador Project (SGAP) partnered to establish the Global Leadership and Sustainability Challenge initiative. The initiative was funded by FirstEnergy Foundation and Constellation Energy—an Exelon Company.

The April 10th conference and workshop will be held at Hennessey Hall on FDU's Florham Campus, Madison, NJ; the April 24 conference and workshop will be held at the Rutherford Room on FDU's Metropolitan Campus, Teaneck, NJ.

The Student Global Ambassador Project, founded in 2009, is an educational outreach organization dedicated to cultivating the next generation of global leaders through unique global learning experiences for seventh to twelfth grade students. For more information about the organization, contact Michele Joseph, Executive Director, and Founder at 862-262-0226.

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