

eco-hero - greenest challenge:

TEAM CLIMATE CREW

my new eco-hero!



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Overview

My eco-heroes are from team Climate Crew: Angela Zhu, Lily Li, Kevin Zhu, and Naann Shao! Angela and Lily are juniors and Kevin and Naann are sophomores at Jericho High School. Their hometown is Jericho, New York.

Their submissions are truly inspirational and always so well done. I am amazed by how they are able to do so much in only 24 hours. They all are also so amazing and the interview/conversation we had together was so nice and chill. It was an amazing opportunity to learn more about other PGC competitors' experiences and share my own! Here is my blog post about my new eco-hero: Climate Crew!



What was one moment when they felt like an eco-hero throughout the month of PGC?

The first moment they felt they had truly become and understood what it meant to be an eco-hero was when they presented their video about climate justice to a live audience of their friends, peers, and family. After starting a discussion about their video content, many of their viewers told them that they had never heard about this information before, but after watching their presentation, they were motivated to do their own research into the topic by using the resources they recommended. Their positive feedback for the video inspired them to continue producing content that educates a myriad of people about relevant topics around the world.



Which themes resonated with them the most? How will they carry the learnings forward?

Although all of the themes spoke to them in meaningful and important ways, the themes that resonated within them the most are biodiversity, justice, and wellness. They aspire to implement these themes into their own lives and propose positive changes to their community based around these changes. One example of this is through their final climate action project.

It was so difficult to choose my favorite challenges they did because they are all so amazing and inspiring. But I was able to narrow it down to two: the vote music video and fashion upcycling plushie!

The vote video shows Angela's and Kevin's amazing music talents with Angela beautifully singing and Kevin wonderfully playing the piano.

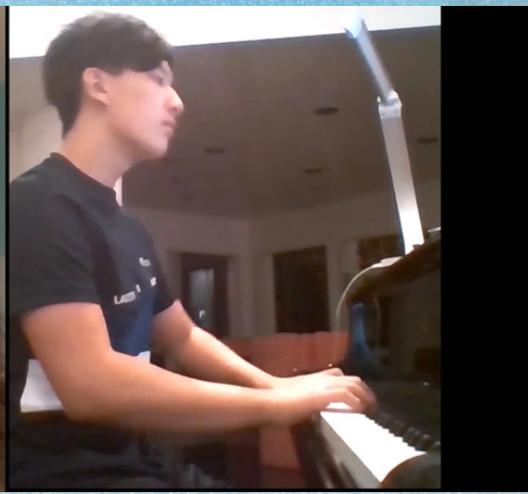
The upcycling plushie shows Naann's amazing artistic abilities! The end product and graphics that went with it were so cute.

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"Go Now to Vote"

An arrangement of Lewis Capaldi's "Before You Go"

Vocals & Lyrics: Angela Zhu | Music: Kevin Zhu



Oftentimes, old clothing that cannot be worn anymore is thrown out. As someone who loves reusing and repurposing unused objects, I find this to be a tragedy. Many people do not know of the countless uses of old clothing. Today, I was inspired by the PGC Day 13 Greenest challenge to upcycle a shirt that I can no longer fit into anymore. I have never tried using the fabrics of a shirt to make something completely new, and so I was very excited to face this challenge.

I decided to challenge myself to make something entirely different from the fabric that I have, and so I decided to combine my love for cuteness and my adoration for the environment to create a stuffed plushie, whom I have affectionately named the Leaf Buddy. For the stencils, I reused old scrap paper I had saved, and I hand drew and hand sewed all parts of my Leaf Buddy.



I created the design of my Leaf Buddy from my own imagination. I learned some of the techniques used (such as how to make a sphere structure) in making my Leaf Buddy from the Internet back when I was learning how to make octopus plushies (of which I have made several). The video containing the techniques I used is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VwY6KR40s>. I hope that this has inspired people to reuse their old belongings more and to upcycle unused possessions, as you never know what you may come up with! I enjoyed this experience immensely and I recommend it to anyone, of any age, as it is fun and relaxing and very good for yourself and for the environment.



How has PGC inspired them to make changes in their own lives, local community and the world

PGC has inspired them and taught them to improve life, not only for themselves, but also for others in their community. They were inspired to create change in their local community through their final project, for which they will use the valuable experiences, resources, and knowledge they have gained from PGC to create an educational service for people looking to learn more about their local environment.





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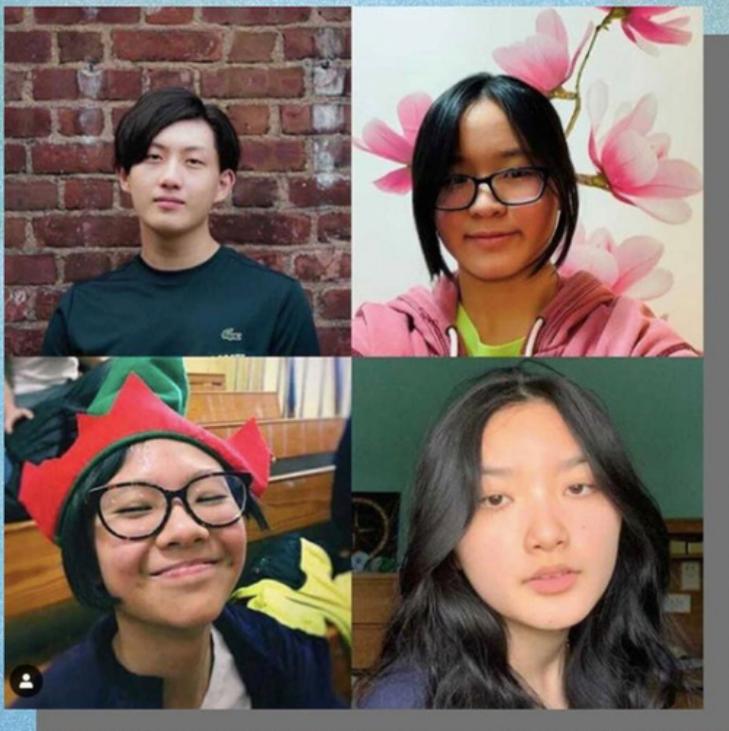


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