
OUR ECO-HERO!

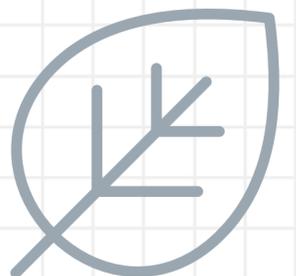
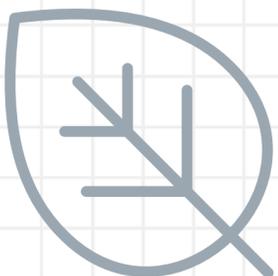


We interviewed...

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1) Why did you join PGC?

"I joined PGC because at school, it often feels like the time to 'make a change' is never going to come, and while you have to be studying hard every day, you get news saying that the earth is dying and it makes me ask myself like, what is the point of studying if when I grow up there is not going to be any earth left? I often feel impotent and I wanted PGC to be an opportunity to start doing something from now, starting by learning and learning about the topic."

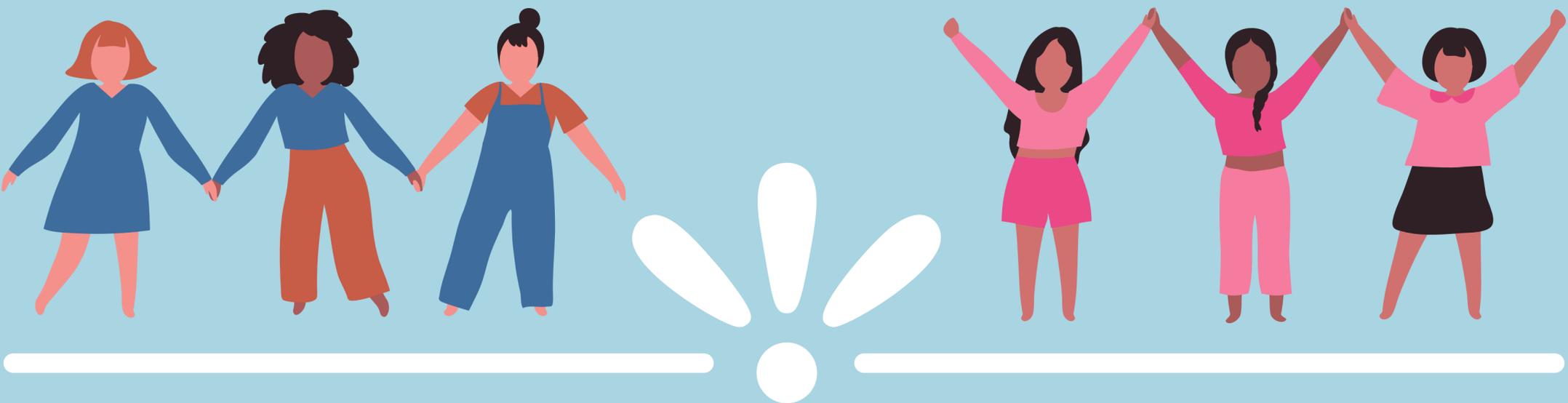


2) What was one moment when you felt like an eco-hero throughout the month of PGC?

"I felt like an eco-hero during the zero waste challenge because I tried to teach my family about the issue. As it is really important for us to learn about the topic, and how switching to a circular economy with a zero-waste mindset is what will help us recover our earth."

3) Which themes resonated with you the most? How will you carry the learnings forward?

"The themes that resonated the most for me were Zero waste, Biodiversity, and School since in a way, it teaches us that while human advancement is important, nature has done natural processes for millennia more than humans have and humans can't simply claim to do it better in most cases. And the importance about the topic and helping people become enviro-heroes as soon as possible, because what is the point of going to school when we are going to end up living in an unviable planet."



4) How has PGC inspired you to make change in your life, local community, and the world

"PGC inspired me to continue pushing my family and my community into a more sustainable future. As usual with so many other problems in our society, we forget to take care of our mother earth, which in the end is the only thing that guarantees our survival. After all, as a conservation international said, 'we need nature, nature does not need humans'"

Additional Q&A's!

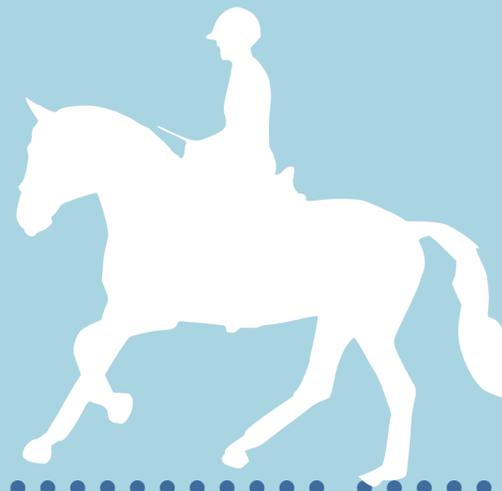
1) What is your favorite animal?

Horses!



2) What is your favorite movie and t.v. show?

My favorite t.v. show is Modern Family and my favorite movie is A Dog's Purpose!



3) What are some of your hobbies?

I play tennis and do horse-back riding.



Green Gang's AMAZING PGC Submissions!

For us, **climate justice** is a term that does not only refer to a movement but also, to the acknowledgment of how climate change can impact the **social, economic, public health**, and other aspects. By recognizing the impacts on the previous aspects, we can raise importance on how climate change is not only an environmental issue, but instead, an ethical and political issue. By taking this approach, we can raise awareness to the people who don't believe climate change is a big problem right now. This will lead to more propagation and more unification when fighting against it. In Colombia, there are a total of five visible effects that show how climate change is attacking with force the country. This include: 1. melting glaciers, 2. coral bleaching, 3. loss of beaches, 4.coastal erosion 5.extreme events and endangered animals. By analyzing all of the previous effects, we can see that all of this aspects affect directly tourism. An important industry that is key in reducing growing inequalities.

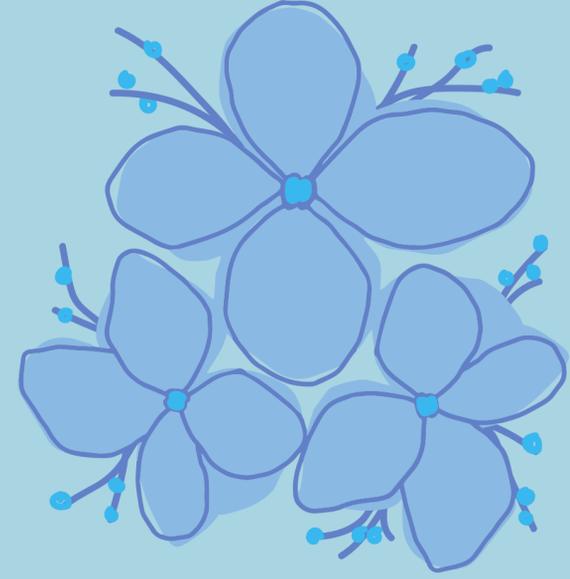


SUSTAINABILTY FOCUSED STUDIES

WHAT 3 COLLEGES HAVE STRONG SUSTAINABILITY-FOCUSED STUDIES?

<p>University of Pennsylvania: "The program in Sustainability at the University of Pennsylvania is top-ranked because it creates opportunities for students that far outreach the confines of a typical classroom. Students will address the complex issues facing the planet, and work with faculty and other students to develop cutting-edge research and practices to tackle those concerns."</p>	 <p>Cornell University: "Cornell programs are incredibly flexible, allowing students to design their own degree programs in collaboration with faculty members. Students can focus on sustainability while also studying within an entirely different discipline or department."</p>	<p>Maharishi University of Management: "Maharishi offers one of the most student-centred programs in Sustainability. It has received top rankings for education in sustainable business, as well as being recognized as the top MBA program in Iowa, according to OnlineMBAToday. Course sizes are small, usually under 20 students, allowing each graduate student to benefit from close-knit, student-centered instruction and networking opportunities."</p>
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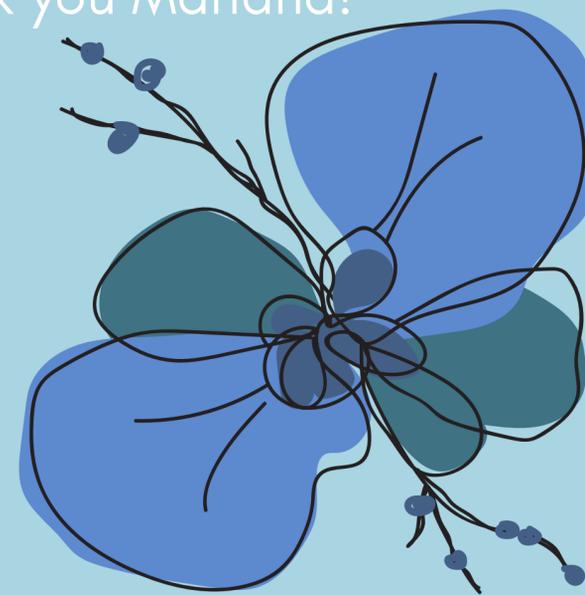
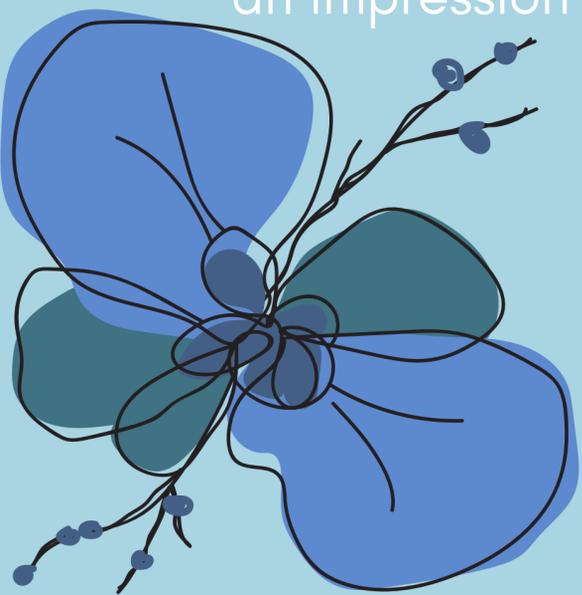
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Reflection:

Although a bit nerve-racking at first to meet someone online, Mariana was a delicate person who I consider a proper eco-hero! She consistently brings up the importance of educating and bringing awareness to everyone especially her family. She saw that no change was being created in her school so her and her friends decided to take on an experience to defy all odds. Similarly, my teammates and I come from a school that has done little effort regarding climate change. I could relate to her when she said she wanted to challenge herself and her community! She is charming both on the outside and inside, and I am glad we got the chance to exchange a few words. I hope we come across each other one day and talk more about our love for the environment and our determination for change. The quote above this specifically left an impression on me after I talked with Mariana. Thank you Mariana!



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