Team: EnviroEnthusiasts

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Today, I met with <u>a teams</u> to learn about their separate, unique experiences throughout the month with Project Green Challenge. Both **Team What We Grew and Team Eco Kawsay** brought their own opinions to the conversation! Speaking with a team who lives near me and a team across the world really showed me the broad applications of PGC and how it can bring people together through environmental awareness!

### **Team: Eco Kawsay**

I exchanged messages with this team to learn about their unique experience with PGC 2025! Today, I talked to Christian, one of the team members. We ended up discussing the fundamental questions from today's challenge, along with other information about how they heard about PGC and what their favorite challenge was.

Hometown: Perú

### Why did you join PGC?

They joined PGC after hearing about it from their Environmental Engineering Committee at their college program. As something they are passionate about, they focus on 3 viewpoints: the social, economic, and environmental viewpoints. PGC is a competition that lines up with these viewpoints almost perfectly and led to their participation in this challenge!

### How has PGC inspired change in your life so far?

PGC has inspired change in Christian's life by giving him different perspectives on topics that he already thought he was knowledgeable about. Overall, it taught him to reflect more on the things that we do daily that can affect the planet, both positively and negatively. In particular, he stated that it made him more aware of his actions when it comes to our home (Earth) being in danger.

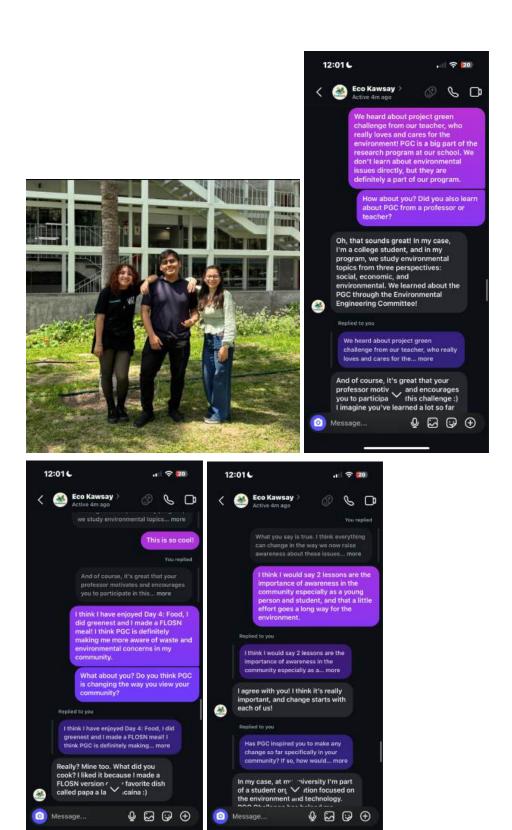
# How do you plan to carry these learnings forward?

Christian has noticed that since he is part of a student organization focused on the environment and technology at his University, he can apply his learnings from PGC there. He stated that he wants to continue to apply his environmental awareness, which was deepened by PGC, in his community through the activities they organize.

# One favorite quote:

"... Change starts with each of us!"

#### Photos:



Some receipts from our conversation

3 things that inspired me about them:

- 1. They are taking initiatives in their own community, somewhere I didn't even know much about before seeing their PGC journey!
- 2. Their creativity is so inspiring! Especially their innovative and sustainable crafts, such as the Produce Pal, which raises awareness!
- 3. Their images from their PGC-inspired adventures are breathtaking! It is so cool to see them interacting with a part of nature that is not familiar to me.

#### **Team: What We Grew**

I set up a facetime with this team to learn more about their PGC journey! I talked with Tahirah and Manasvi, two members of the team. We discussed our PGC experiences and how we want to continue it in the future!

Hometown: Jericho, NY

# Why did you join PGC?

They joined PGC because they were really interested in learning about the environment and how it affects us, and how we can take action. More specifically, they were focused on how young adults like them could help the environment and how they could help out in their community. After hearing from their teacher, they became interested as it aligned with their motives.

# How has PGC inspired change in your life so far?

PGC has inspired change in her life because every challenge that they do makes them want to continue their actions such as limiting food waste and composting, inspiring them to really carry out the actions and telling their family and friends that they can do it too.

#### How do you plan to carry these learnings forward?

They plan to carry these learnings forward by continuing to research the environmental problems encountered during their PGC journey and watching videos to inform themselves. They will keep contacting school administrators to continue their learnings and stay environmentally relevant in their community.

### One favorite quote:

"Dedication and hard work: that's how you make change"

### Photos:



Picture from our facetime

# 3 things that inspired me about them:

- 1. They are consistent with their challenges, they upload everyday to their Instagram!
- 2. They take creative takes to challenges everyday, ranging from skits about environmental awareness to innovative designs to fit every theme.
- 3. Their videos for challenges are both fun and educational, helping me learn more about our environment while enjoying my time on social media.







