

# Grades of Green 2020 - 2021 Annual Report



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Dear Friends,

I have had the joy and pleasure, for two years, of leading this transformative organization. I am grateful every day to work with such a dedicated, passionate team and Board of Directors who are confident in our mission to educate and empower students to take action and lead environmental change, ensuring a clean and sustainable planet for generations to come

When COVID brought many organizations to a halt, our team faced it head on and chose to double down and expand our programs so that we could empower and inspire any student, at any age, in any country to make real environmental impacts in their communities today while developing the skills to become the environmental leaders of tomorrow.

We introduced a yearlong Climate Solutions Campaign, developed a teacher training program with teacher stipends, launched online Project Toolkits, and created a school district partnership program to help entire districts design and implement programs to fulfill their environmental goals, including California's state mandated organics diversion and recovery bill.

And if that weren't enough, we launched an environmental justice plan to identify and better serve those students in the most disadvantaged communities. We now include environmental justice education and project opportunities in all our programming.

Last year we worked with nearly 600 students on 95 teams around the globe. Grades of Green's students engaged more than 175,000 members in their communities with climate-centered advocacy and education and they were heard! The press coverage of our students' projects has reached nearly one million people across the world.

Our student Eco-Leaders worked to convince their school boards to commit to green energy, brought together elected officials and environmentalists to collaborate on reducing single-use plastics, and convinced their communities to go meatless on Monday. They removed 51,000 pieces of plastic from the wild, planted 6,600 trees and their projects will collectively sequester 775 Tons of carbon dioxide per year. Now that's what I call impact!

We weren't the only ones who doubled down. Our donors and partners came through with the funding and support to allow us to continue providing our programs for free to any student, teacher, or school in the world. We are enormously proud to have closed out this challenging year in the GREEN, with 88% of our revenue going directly to our programs.

We look forward with hope and with the belief that your continued support and our student's environmental passions will create a cleaner, greener, and kinder world.

With much gratitude,



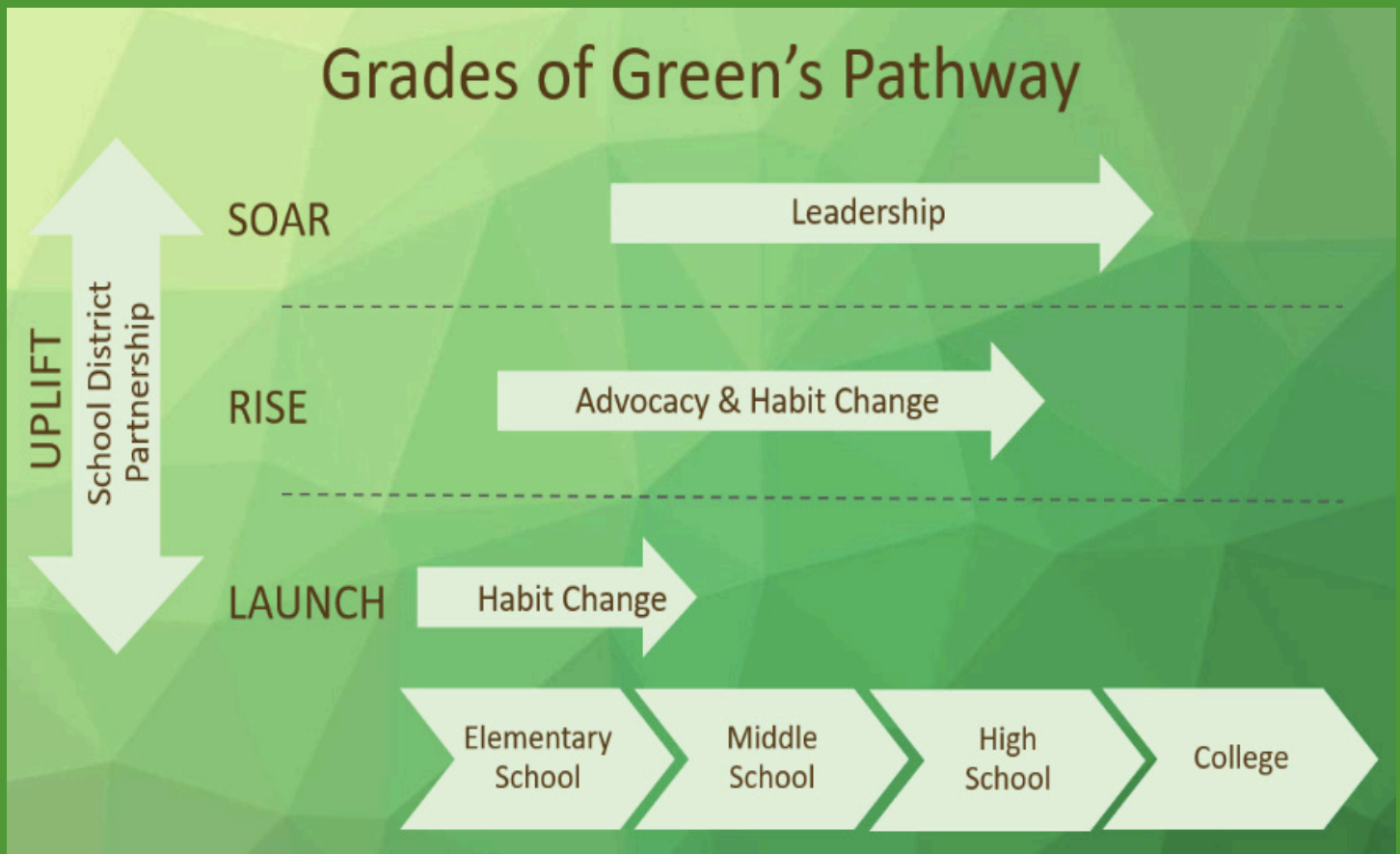
Kim Siehl  
Executive Director

# A PATH FORWARD

## Program Development Updates

Grades of Green developed an innovative programming pathway to fully support students of all ages and backgrounds worldwide on their environmental journey. Students are making measurable impacts in their schools today while developing the skills to become the passionate environmental leaders of tomorrow. We are dedicated to providing our award-winning, innovative programs at no cost to students, teachers, or schools worldwide, supporting action to create a sustainable and healthy planet for generations to come.

All students deserve access to the resources, tools, and mentorships to develop their passion and take meaningful environmental action. We are determined to create change through our student-led projects in the communities most in need by putting environmental justice at the forefront of our programs. We build healthy and fair communities through engaging mentorship, impactful programs, and empowering leadership development. Our programs give students in the communities that have been and continue to be unfairly environmentally treated extraordinary benefits and hope.



# OUR STUDENTS' IMPACT

Since 2009, Grades of Green has been mentoring and equipping students with the knowledge and leadership skills they need to create meaningful environmental changes not just locally, but globally. Despite the multitude of challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, we came together to create our most impactful program yet: the Climate Solutions Campaign.

Nearly 600 students were empowered to turn their environmental aspirations into reality during our first ever year-long Campaign that spanned five of the most pressing climate topics: waste, food, trees, energy, transportation. By incorporating lessons from past RISE Campaigns, hosting 100% of the program content on our website, and putting environmental justice at the forefront of program design, our students were able to make long-lasting changes in their communities for the greener.

We are so excited to share our students' stories of impact, and we know you'll be as inspired by them as we are.

## EXPLORE OUR STUDENTS' IMPACT

### ADVOCACY IMPACT

**32,735** Students Engaged by Our Students

**930,126** People Reached via Media Coverage of Student Projects

**143,445** Community Members Engaged by Our Students

**227%** Growth in Community Engagement Above Last Year

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

**6,608** Trees Planted

**775** Tons of Carbon Dioxide Sequestered per Year

**51,518** Pieces of Plastic Litter Removed from the Environment

**1,410** Pounds of Waste Diverted from Landfills





# THE CLIMATE SOLUTIONS CAMPAIGN

## STUDENT PARTICIPATION

**593 Student Eco-Leaders**

**7 US States**

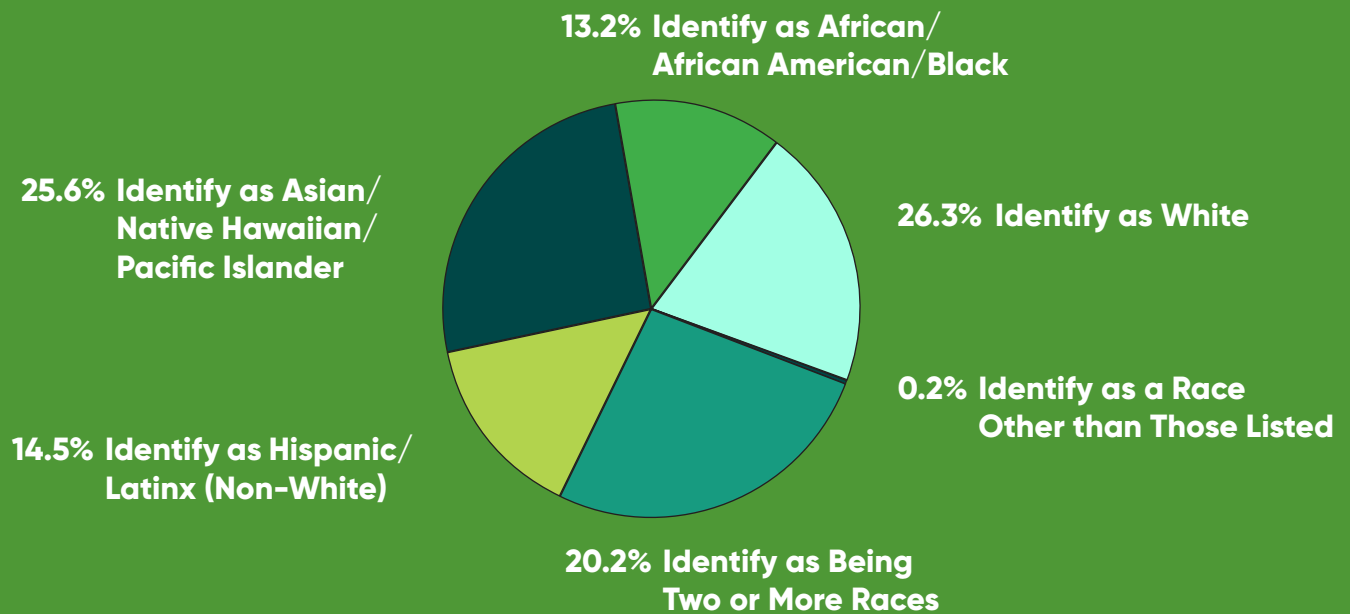
Alabama	New Jersey
California	New York
Massachusetts	Virginia
Michigan	

**95 Student Teams**

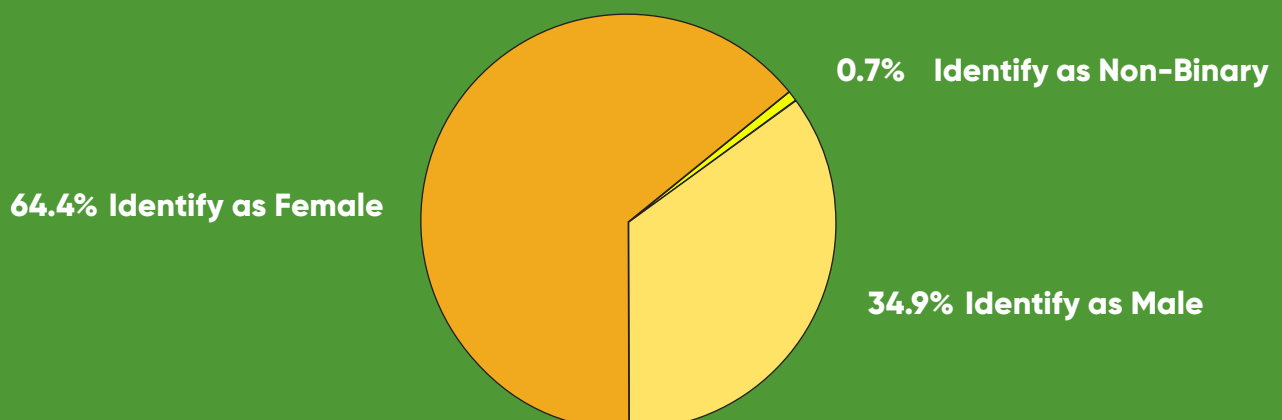
**6 Countries**

Cameroon	Kenya
Colombia	Tanzania
India	United States

## RACIAL IDENTITY



## GENDER IDENTITY



# ECO-GRANT WINNING TEAMS

To expand the impact of our students' environmental projects, we award our most impactful teams with Eco-Grants ranging from \$250 to \$1,000.

This year, we awarded **11 Eco-Grants** worth a total of **\$6,000** to student teams around the world and recognized six Honorary Award winners. From Kenya to California, Massachusetts to Michigan, Grades of Green is funding students' dreams for a more sustainable future.

Learn all about our awesome Eco-Grant winners in the following pages to explore their awe-inspiring projects and environmental impact!

## **GRAND PRIZE WINNER - \$1,000** **MATUNGU COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CHARITY** NAIROBI, KENYA

**SOUTH BAY ROTARY CLUB AWARD - \$1,000**  
**GARDENA HIGH SCHOOL**  
GARDENA, CA

**GREEN INFLUENCER AWARD - \$500**  
**MIRA COSTA HIGH SCHOOL**  
MANHATTAN BEACH, CA

**MOST INSPIRATIONAL TEAM AWARD - \$500**  
**REDONDO UNION HIGH SCHOOL**  
REDONDO BEACH, CA

**MOST COLLABORATIVE TEAMS AWARD - \$500**  
**ADAMS & FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOLS**  
ROCHESTER HILLS, MI & FARMINGTON, MI

**COMMUNITY CHANGEMAKER AWARD - \$500**  
**HELEN KELLER MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
LONG BEACH, CA

**ROOKIE TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD - \$500**  
**WESTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
WESTON, MA

**BEST ELEMENTARY IMPACT AWARD - \$500**  
**MARY BRAGG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
CERRITOS, CA

**COMMUNITY ADVOCATES AWARD - \$500**  
**WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
CERRITOS, CA

**MOST DYNAMIC TEAM AWARD - \$250**  
**THE KISHOKA YOUTH ORGANIZATION**  
MOMBASA, KENYA

**INT'L CHANGEMAKER AWARD - \$250**  
**MODERN HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**  
KOLKATA, INDIA

**BEST STUDENT INNOVATOR**  
**ADRIEL MAR**  
CULVER CITY, CA

**MOST ENTHUSIASTIC TEAM**  
**ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
LONG BEACH, CA

**BEST ALUMNI TEAM**  
**THE HEAR CLUB**  
CARSON, CA

**BEST TEAM NAME**  
**THE "JEEZ WE LIKE TREES" TEAM**  
QUEENS, NY

**BEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITATOR**  
**ROBERTO ESCALA**  
LOS ANGELES, CA

**BEST MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL FACILITATOR**  
**JEAN POSADA**  
QUEENS, NY

# SUPPORTING TEACHERS

Thanks to the generous support of our community, Grades of Green was able to offer \$500 stipends to the incredible teachers and adult facilitators who took part in our new Team Facilitator Training program. They supported their student teams throughout the year and helped them complete the Climate Solutions Campaign projects. We provided two trainings and many one-on-one meetings to ensure a superb program experience for both the facilitators and their students.

**22** Teachers & Educators Completed Inaugural Training Program

**19** Accepted Stipends

**\$9,500** in Stipends Distributed

After the Campaign, we surveyed our teachers & educators for feedback:



Reported their students  
grew as leaders



Reported their students  
deepened their understanding  
of Climate Change and  
Environmental Justice



Reported they would  
recommend Grades of Green  
to other educators

## “IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

I have always been impressed with the amount of support our Grades of Green advisor provides...Grades of Green works hard to continually improve the program, making the steps easy to understand for our students, providing resources for learning, and creating a feeling of connection to the organization. I'm not sure our eco-club would be what it is without Grades of Green.

**Rebecca Mitsuse, Teacher**  
**Thomas Starr King Middle School**

This program energizes, educates and creates enthusiastic environmentalists! Over the last two years, my 4th, 5th and 6th grade students have given up their recesses, lunches and after school time to work on our campaigns...[They] know that their work with Grades of Green has made the world a better place and I believe that they (and their families) will continue to be advocates against climate change...all because of Grades of Green.

**Kerry Flores, Teacher**  
**Mary Bragg Elementary School**

The training conducted by Grades of Green Team during the campaigns and the organised steps to follow to achieve our desired goals were the best parts of joining the Climate Solutions Campaign. They assisted very much and helped us understand possible solutions towards reducing carbon emissions.

**Vincent Atitwa, Educator, Matungu Community Development Charity**

# GRAND PRIZE WINNER – \$1,000 MATUNGU COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CHARITY NAIROBI, KENYA

Our Grand Prize-winning team is a group of four motivated girls who organized a community-wide tree planting event where they planted tree saplings to promote indigenous foliage as a means of environmental conservation and carbon emission reduction. To build support for their tree planting, they developed a public awareness campaign and targeted their student peers through social media and group discussion forums. These students were inspired to join the Climate Solutions Campaign to help reduce temperatures in their school compounds while ensuring that the indigenous forest remained healthy to serve present and future generations.

**3,500** Indigenous Trees Planted

**87.5** Avg. Tons of Carbon Sequestered / Year

## “IN THEIR OWN WORDS...”

Because of our project, we are assured of free oxygen in the coming years and reduced urban temperatures. We toiled for better environmental management, community support, and livelihood improvement using tree-planting as our gate pass, and our goal of restoring the Kakamega Forest with indigenous trees was met.

**– Eunita, Student**





## **SOUTH BAY ROTARY CLUB AWARD – \$1,000**

### **THE STEAM EXPRESS TEAM FROM GARDENA HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **GARDENA, CA**

While researching the global climate impact of waste, the STEAM Express team from Gardena High School was very concerned about the environmental cost of fast fashion and textile waste. What really struck them was that 84% of donated clothes still end up going to the landfill. To do something about it, the STEAM Express team worked with local organizations like LAcAR GUY and BizHaus, a co-working space where Grades of Green has an office, to collect old clothes. These caring students decided to turn the clothes they collected into blankets to be donated to local homeless shelters. For their dedication to the environment and to people in need, the students were chosen by the South Bay Rotary Club to receive a special Eco-Grant!

**13** Large Bags of Clothes Collected

**657** Student Peers Engaged

#### **“IN THEIR OWN WORDS...”**

Through our donation drive and upcycling workshops, we raised awareness about textile waste in our community. We will continue to spread the word about textile waste to our families, friends, and donation supervisors at homeless shelters ... We plan to make 10 blankets with the donated clothes, and give them to local homeless shelters when they are completed. – **Jaqueline and Team, Students**



## **MOST INSPIRATIONAL TEAM AWARD – \$500**

### **THE REDONDO REDUCERS AT REDONDO UNION HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **REDONDO BEACH, CA**

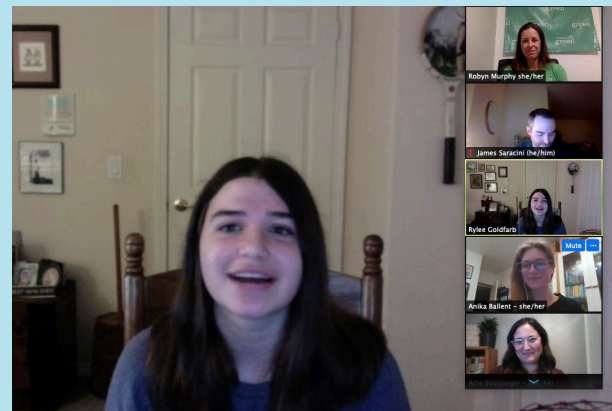
The Redondo Reducers Club, led by Rylee, hosted a Plastic Pollution Solutions Panel discussion featuring panelists Samuel Liu, Deputy Chief of Staff for California State Senator Ben Allen, Anika Ballent, Education Director at Algalita Marine Research and Education Center, and Allie Bussjaeger, Director of Impact and Sustainability at human-I-T. The panel dove deep into the most pressing issues around plastic pollution, what the public can do to address the plastic pollution issues and reflected on themes from the award-winning documentary, The Story of Plastic.

**6,300** Community Members Reached

#### **“IN THEIR OWN WORDS...”**

I felt truly powerful and impactful that my message really resonated with others. The listeners got to know about me and my passion for the environment, including my motto (no matter your age or size, you can change the world) and vision (a plastic-free world). For me, what made these panels feel like such wins was knowing that I not only reached many people, but that I made an impact on my community.

– **Rylee, Student**



[Watch the team's Plastic Pollution Solutions Panel.](#)

## GREEN INFLUENCERS AWARD – \$500

### THE “FOR THE GREENER GOOD” TEAM AT MIRA COSTA HIGH SCHOOL MANHATTAN BEACH, CA

The Mira Costa team partnered with local businesses to encourage planet-friendly diets through a viral Meatless Monday social media campaign. Every Monday from February through April, the team encouraged social media followers to post a picture of their meatless meals. Participants were entered into a giveaway for gift cards to local plant-based restaurants. They also partnered with the environmental nonprofit, evry.app, to help people keep track of their daily climate actions and footprint. By encouraging their community to cut back on meat consumption, they helped create positive, long-lasting environmental change.

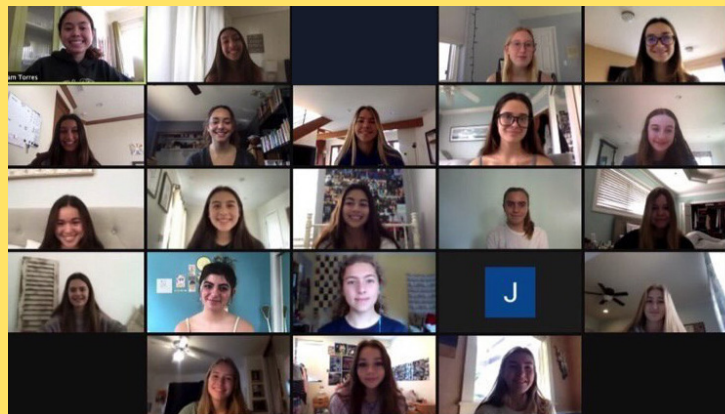
**1,500** Student Peers Reached

**2,000** Community Members Reached

#### IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

The success of our project was driven by the generous donations from local businesses such as Fruition, The Waste Less Shop, Veggie Grill ... Our team was incredibly thankful and excited that this was a cause that these businesses wanted to support so passionately.

- Sam, Student



[Read press coverage of this team.](#)

## MOST COLLABORATIVE TEAMS AWARD – \$500

### ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL & FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ROCHESTER HILLS & FARMINGTON, MI

Students from Adams and Farmington Hills High Schools collaborated on a project to get their schools to ban Styrofoam lunch trays and replace them with sustainable alternatives. These teams conducted research to identify viable Styrofoam alternatives, presented to their school board and met with experts from Cafeteria Culture to improve their project. This work culminated in two petitions that the teams issued and an interview with their local radio station to raise awareness and rally community support. The teams laid the foundation for their schools to make their food service programs more sustainable.

**94,208** Petition Signatures Gathered

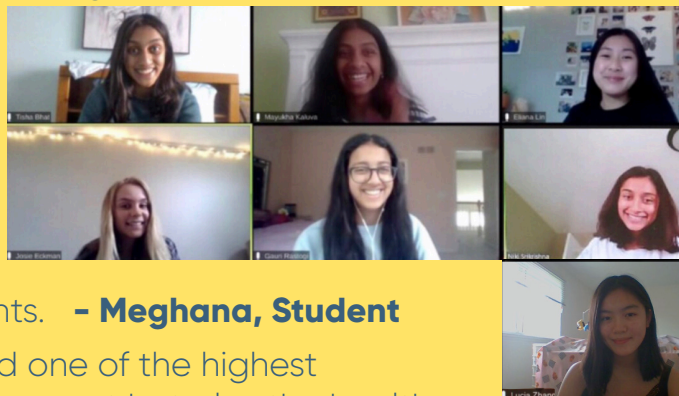
#### IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

Through this project we have learned invaluable lessons in everything from the importance of perseverance to the power of teamwork. Thanks to Grades of Green and the foundation they helped us lay, we were able to take our project to greater heights.

- Meghana, Student

Polystyrene, being one of the top 10 littered items and one of the highest contributors to pollution, is not only toxic to the environment but also the health of the people eating from it. Which is why it is so important to us to push for this change.

- Mayukha, Student



## COMMUNITY CHANGEMAKER AWARD – \$500 THE KELLER GREENIES AT HELEN KELLER MIDDLE SCHOOL LONG BEACH, CA

Grades of Green's students from Helen Keller Middle School teamed up with fellow Long Beach students to advocate for Long Beach Unified School District to commit to transition to 100% renewable energy by 2030. These students went above and beyond in their advocacy efforts and collaborated with local government leaders, Long Beach Unified School District staff, press outlets, and nonprofit organizations. In addition to creating a petition to support their advocacy goals, they hosted a Climate Town Hall virtually that connected the public with local leaders and stakeholders, including City of Long Beach Vice Mayor Rex Richardson, Los Angeles Unified School District Board member Scott Schmerelson, and Sierra Club Senior Campaign Representative Mary Lunetta.

**837** Petition Signatures Gathered

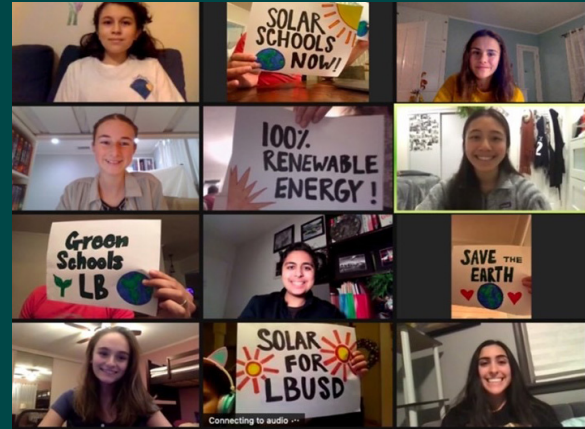
**340,744** People Reached Through Press & Media

### IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

I am proud of how people have listened and responded to our message, especially people in leadership positions with the city, district, business, and nonprofit organizations. I'm also proud of seeing such great student leadership at the front of our movement.

- Dia, Student

[Read press coverage of this team.](#)



## BEST ELEMENTARY IMPACT AWARD – \$500 MARY BRAGG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CERRITOS, CA

The Mary Bragg Green Team is made up of 54 4th, 5th and 6th grade students who decided to tackle the topic of trees this year. The students self-organized into three groups and identified different solutions for each of their projects. Team One increased urban tree cover by holding a community tree planting in the City of Long Beach, while Team Two joined the Reserva Youth Land Trust letter-writing campaign to protect old-growth rainforests. Team Three created a [Mary Bragg Green Team website](#) to educate others about the urban heat island effect and share the teams' impact.

**61** Trees Planted

**240** Letters Written to Protect Forests

### IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

The achievements we are most proud of are creating a website that is full of information about our school, our team and the events we do in the community. We are also very proud of planting trees in Long Beach and cleaning up the parks for Earth Day. We made a huge difference and now, the people in the city of Long Beach can enjoy the beautiful trees that we planted in their neighborhood for many years to come.

- Ahyana, Student

[Read press coverage of this team.](#)





## ROOKIE TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD – \$500 WESTON HIGH SCHOOL WESTON, MA

At Weston High School, the Students for Environmental Action Club (SEA) team, led by Max, created a recycling campaign to collect 46,500 plastic bags from their school and community and transformed the waste into a community bench through a partnership with the Trex Company. Max and the SEA were inspired to start this campaign when the Governor of Massachusetts banned the usage of reusable plastic bags in supermarkets at the height of the pandemic during the summer of 2020. Using the Eco-Grant award, Max hopes to gain additional funding and support to secure a full-time baler at the town's recycling center, the Weston Transfer Station, which will help ensure a long-term solution of recycling bags locally in Weston.

**595** Pounds of Plastic Bags Prevented from Entering the Landfill or Environment

### IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

“We are very proud of motivating members of our town to be more conscious about recycling plastic and find a long term solution to recycle plastic in Weston. We were glad that the town met this project with such enthusiasm, and now there are multiple people who are working with our local Sustainability Committee on making plastic bag recycling a long term program in Weston. – **Max, Student**

[Read press coverage of this team.](#)

## COMMUNITY ADVOCATES AWARD – \$500 THE ECOLOGY & WILDLIFE CLUB AT WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL CERRITOS, CA

The dedicated Ecology and Wildlife Club at Whitney High School hosted a community tree sale to offset their school's paper usage and surpassed their goal by distributing 132 trees. The team partnered with the nonprofit, Tree-Plenish, to source the Gala apple trees and worked with their school administration to collect and distribute their trees during a drive-thru pick up. With their Eco-Grant funds, the Club is excited to help upgrade their school gardens since they have been deteriorating with the closure of their school over the past year and a half.

**132** Trees Planted in the Cerritos Community  
**3.3** Avg. Tons of Carbon Sequestered / Year

### IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

“Our goal is to protect future generations from the long lasting effects of climate change, particularly stressing the importance trees play in this issue. We are passionate about affecting change in our local community and want to do our part to build a more sustainable future. – **Samantha and Syria, Students**

[Read press coverage of this team.](#)





## HONORARY CLIMATE SOLUTIONS CAMPAIGN AWARDS

### BEST STUDENT INNOVATOR

**ADRIEL MAR**  
AT CULVER CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CULVER CITY, CA

### MOST ENTHUSIASTIC TEAM

**THE "MISSION UNSOAKABLE" TEAM**  
AT ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
LONG BEACH, CA

### BEST ALUMNI TEAM

**THE HEAR CLUB**  
FROM THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF  
MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE  
CARSON, CA

### BEST TEAM NAME

**THE "JEEZ WE LIKE TREES" TEAM**  
AT NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE  
MIDDLE SCHOOL 74  
QUEENS, NY

### BEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEAM FACILITATOR

**ROBERTO ESCALA**  
AT GOETHE INTERNATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL  
LOS ANGELES, CA

### BEST MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL TEAM FACILITATOR

**JEAN POSADA**  
AT NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE MIDDLE SCHOOL 74  
QUEENS, NY

## THANK YOU TO OUR CLIMATE CORPS FELLOWS

Once again this year, Grades of Green partnered with the award-winning Climate Corps program to host two absolutely phenomenal full-time fellows. Malcolm and Katie brought energy, expertise and unwavering dedication to support Grades of Green and our students while learning valuable on-the-job experience that has propelled them both into promising careers in the sustainability sector. Thank you, Katie and Malcolm!

### MALCOLM AU PROGRAM ADVISOR

Malcolm was raised in the South Bay, residing in sunny El Segundo. Growing up, he spent a lot of time at the beach and exploring the California wilderness, which caused him to form a deep passion for environmental issues. He stayed local and attended UCLA, earning a degree in Environmental Science with an emphasis in Environmental Engineering. During his time at UCLA, he was the head manager of the UCLA Men's Basketball Team, and led a team that aided in reaching UCLA's Zero-Waste and Sustainability Goals. Malcolm is proud of his work with Grades of Green, having served and inspired students across the globe. During his free time, Malcolm enjoys spending time with friends, backpacking, running, and cooking.



### KATIE TESHIMA PROGRAM COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATE

Katie Teshima is proud to have joined the Grades of Green team as the Program Communications Associate and Climate Corps Fellow. She brought over five years of experience in the non-profit, international development and public sector industries to support the work that youth and communities are doing to fight climate change and transition to more sustainable economies. Katie received her BS in Environmental Studies from UC Santa Cruz before moving to the Philippines as a Coastal Resources Management Volunteer. She is excited to be back home in the South Bay and earned her Masters in Social Entrepreneurship from USC while advocating for the outstanding Eco-Leaders at Grades of Green.



# FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Year two of the pandemic brought new and old challenges. We again chose to cancel our beloved Gala, Verte, for the safety of our team, board and guests. Losing our largest source of revenue and not being able to gather our supporters together in celebration of our student eco-leaders caused us to once again swerve. Although, this time we thought it would be more fun to throw in some swirling, sipping, sauteing, stirring, and, yes, striking a few poses, and created a series of virtual Fundraising Events.

## WINE TASTING

We kicked off our new event series with a virtual tasting of exclusive wines from William Robert Estate Wines paired with gourmet charcuterie from GROW, raising over \$50,000! As we sipped and nibbled from the comfort of our homes, we were treated to an insightful discussion between the winery's proprietors, Grant and Shaya Kirkpatrick, and the winemaker, Jeff Strekas, moderated by Todd Serota of VinoQuest.

Over 40 Grades of Green's spirited supporters joined in the fun with all proceeds going directly to Grades of Green and our Student Eco-Leaders projects. One anonymous couple was so moved by the work Grades of Green does and the delicious wine they tasted that they donated an additional \$25,000 to the \$26,000 we had already raised!

Cheers and much gratitude to the Kirkpatricks for donating the wines, Grow for preparing and supplying the charcuterie platters and Jeff and Todd for their time, expertise and humor.



# FUNDRAISING EVENTS

## COOKING CLASS

What we eat matters! During our second virtual event, Pamela Salzman, Los Angeles-based natural foods cooking instructor, holistic health counselor, and cookbook author enlightened our Grades of Green supporters on why and then showed us how to whip up a healthy, new one pot recipe, not found in any of her cookbooks.

Our community partners came together in support as well! One lucky chef received an autographed copy of Pamela's latest book, "Quicker than Quick" generously donated by Pages Bookstore. The ingredients delivered to our guests (so they could cook along) were delivered in Wean Green supplied glass containers and reusable bags donated by The City of Manhattan Beach. A true green Village coming together to fund our students to create cleaner and greener villages for generations to come. This event raised over \$7,000 and was so yummy! If you haven't taken a cooking class from Pamela yet- you should!



## YOGA AND LUNCH

We kicked off the New Year with our third event, raising over \$5,000 to reset and rejuvenate with a Mind, Body & Cooking Experience. Partnering with Vanessa, Chef and Founder of Culinary Artistas, Alisha with Wellness Studio by Alisha, and Ava Moreno founder of The Work by Ava was thrice as motivating (and fun) to get us and our supporters motivated to start the year off right.

Ava first led us through a beautiful, mindful yoga session, quieting our minds and moving our bodies. We were then rewarded with a nutritious Taco Tango Lunch packed full of flavor and healthy ingredients.

Culinary Artistas supplied the box full of ingredients that made this lunch so scrumptious and nutritious. We are very grateful to this trio for reminding us that often, that which is good for the mind, body, and soul is also good for our planet!

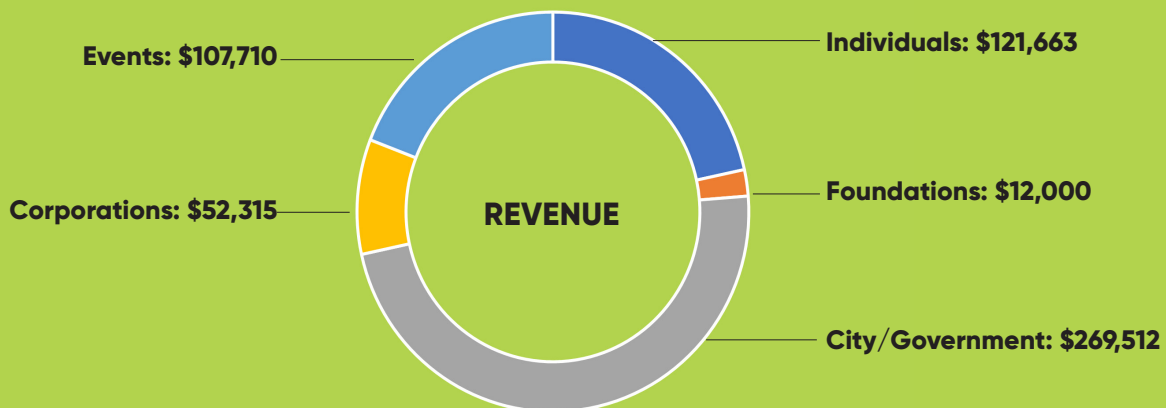


# Financial Summary

In a year filled with ongoing challenges created by the Coronavirus Pandemic, we are so proud to have shown a profit of \$24, 399 on revenues of \$563, 200 and expenses of \$539, 489. This includes 2 PPP federal grants, totaling \$169, 521 which helped to offset the loss of \$290,000 in revenue not received due to the inability to hold our annual gala Verte in April 2020.

## 88%

OF EVERY DOLLAR  
WENT TO PROGRAMS  
SUPPORTING  
STUDENTS AND  
ENVIROMENTAL  
SOLUTIONS





# OUR STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

## Weston Students Tackle Plastic Bags

WESTON TOWN CRIER

## Grades Of Green Gives Eco-Award Grants to South Bay High Schoolers

THE BEACH REPORTER

## ABC Unified School District Schools Win Environmental Awards

LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS

## Green Devolution

THE TELEGRAPH - INDIA

## Teen Eco-Influencer Samantha Torres Wins Climate Solutions Campaign Grant

PR.COM

## ABC Community Update: Bragg Elementary Green Team

ABCUSD COMMUNITY NEWS

## These Young Climate Activists are Pushing LBUSD to Go Completely Green by 2040

LONG BEACH POST

## Earth Day Newsletter Introduction

MANHATTAN BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Making Earth a Better Place - Justin Sather

ABC NEWS

## Bragg Elementary Students Plant 50 Trees

LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS

## #LitterFreeLB Challenges Residents to Clean Litter While Supporting

### Local Businesses

LONG BEACH SIGNAL TRIBUNE

## Doranelly's #LitterFreeLB Challenge

LONG BEACH OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

## SEA Team Works Hard on a Mission to Convert Plastic into a Bench

WILDCAT TRACKS

## Grades of Green Plastic Pollution Solutions Panel

MANHATTAN BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Teen Eco-Influencer Samantha Torres Joins ABC News Radio to Discuss

### #MeatlessMonday

BENZINGA

## Lincoln Middle School Students Launch Tech-Savvy Plastic Pollution

### Reduction Campaign

SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS

## Two South Bay Students Plant Their Roots of Commitment to Lifelong

### Environmental Activism

SIERRA CLUB

## Scarlett's Super Stars: Justin Sather

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

## Saving the Planet, One Frog at a Time

RAINFOREST TRUST

## Whitney High School Ecology & Wildlife Club Hosts Community Tree Sale to

### Combat Climate Change

LOS CERRITOS COMMUNITY NEWS

## Engaging Students of All Ages: Interview with Global Nonprofit Grades of Green

GET REAL WITH ALISSA STEVENS

## Manhattan Beach Teen Offers Simple Steps to Combat Climate Change

PATCH.COM

## Grades of Green Honors Four Students as Environmental Leaders

DAILY BREEZE

## Green Team News

GOETHE INTERNATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS OF THE  
**CLIMATE SOLUTIONS CAMPAIGN 2020-2021**

**GREEN CHAMPIONS**  
**\$40,000+**



**GREEN HEROES**  
**\$25,000+**



**Ranae DeSantis**

**Jeff & Tiffany Neu**

**Anonymous**

**GREEN LEADERS**  
**\$10,000+**



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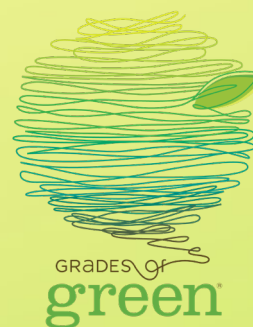
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