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## Young Environmental Educators Named 2022 EE 30 Under 30

*The North American Association for Environmental Education announces its new class of 30 visionaries, ranging in age from 15 to 30 and from 19 countries.*

**[Washington, D.C., August 17, 2022]** The North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) announces its seventh class of 30 leaders under age 30 who are using environmental education (EE) to build sustainable and equitable communities around the world.

The awardees in this year's EE 30 Under 30 Class of 2022 range in age from 15 to 30, and include social entrepreneurs, artists, journalists, researchers, activists, and educators from 19 countries. From teaching ecological citizenship in the Philippines to fostering ocean stewardship with virtual reality in the United States to creating student-run kitchen gardens in Kenya, these leaders are using environmental education to address complex sustainability issues in their communities. Their collective work reaches more than 360,000 people each year, many of whom are on the frontlines of climate crises.

As EE 30 Under 30, these exceptional young leaders in EE will expand their impact and inspire and mentor the next generation of sustainability leaders with their unique and passionate commitment to meaningful change. The Class of 2022 will join the global EE 30 Under 30 community of inspiring leaders, and will receive ongoing support through networking, peer mentoring, global recognition, and opportunities for professional development and grants.

Since 2016, [NAAEE's EE 30 Under 30 program](#) has recognized 210 individuals from 42 countries who are making a difference through environmental education. This program is made possible by NAAEE, the [Global Environmental Education Partnership](#), and the U.S. Forest Service.

The award has had a tremendous impact on these young leaders. "Being an EE 30 Under 30 means a lot to me. It has opened up collaborative opportunities, especially from the EE30U30

alumni network. Fellow alumni have shared resources, grant opportunities, and promoted my work,” says [Mariam Kabamba, EE 30 Under 30 2019](#). “NAAEE’s EE 30 Under 30 program has developed and increased my leadership skills, and empowered me to take more action and become a champion of environmental education.”

Executive Director of NAAEE Judy Braus says, “Today’s young people are at the forefront of environmental and social change, using their passion, skills, and commitment to create a more just and sustainable world. We are honored to highlight how these 30 young leaders are using environmental education and their ingenuity to confront the key issues of our time, including the existential threat from climate change. Congratulations to NAAEE’s EE 30 Under 30 Class of 2022!”

Learn more about this year’s winners, listed below, by reading their biographies on our website: [naaee.org/ee30under30](https://naaee.org/ee30under30)

Ajani Stella, 15, United States  
Brian Gómez, 26, United States  
Charles Emogor, 27, Nigeria  
Eva Makandi, 28, Kenya  
Gabby Tan, 21, Malaysia  
Ghislain Irakoze, 22, Rwanda  
Harrison Ashangwa, 27, Cameroon  
Hazel Araujo, 27, Guatemala  
Iman Ebrahimi, 28, Iran  
Iyeshima Harris, 26, United States  
Jack Baker, 25, United Kingdom  
John Leo Algo, 28, Philippines  
Kosisochukwu Ifeji, 18, United States  
Laurence Lloyd Lumagbas, 29, Philippines  
Lindsay French, 30, United States

Ming-Feng Lee, 28, Taiwan  
Musa Kondeh, 25, Sierra Leone  
Nicolás Chesta, 22, Chile  
Pauline Owiti, 25, Kenya  
Rae Landriau, 22, Canada  
Raj Fadadu, 25, United States  
Reekelitsoe Molapo, 28, Lesotho  
Renata Koch Alvarenga, 25, Brazil  
Rosa Na, 28, Canada  
Rosalind Skillen, 24, United Kingdom  
Sabrina Suluai-Mahuka, 30, American Samoa  
Shreya K.C., 24, Nepal  
Taimoor Siddiqui, 25, Pakistan  
Tobias Odhacha, 29, Kenya  
Valeria Cañedo Montaña, 26, Mexico

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## About NAAEE

For more than five decades, the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) has served as the professional association, champion, and backbone organization for the field of environmental education (EE), working with EE professionals across United States, Canada, and Mexico, as well as globally, to advance environmental literacy and civic engagement to create a more equitable and sustainable future. For more information on NAAEE, visit <https://naaee.org>.