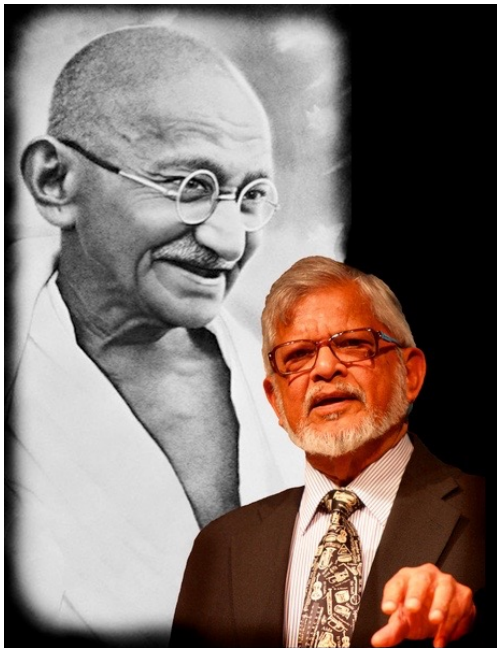




The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's 11th Annual Youth Leadership Summit 2015

Summit Faculty Bios



Arun Gandhi

Born in 1934 in Durban, South Africa, Arun is the fifth grandson of India's legendary leader, Mohandas K. "Mahatma" Gandhi. Growing up under the discriminatory apartheid laws of South Africa, he was beaten by "white" South Africans for being too black and "black" South Africans for being too white; so, Arun sought eye-for-an-eye justice. However, he learned from his parents and grandparents that justice does not mean revenge, it means transforming the opponent through love and suffering.

Grandfather taught Arun to understand nonviolence through understanding violence. "If we know how much passive violence we perpetrate against one another we will understand why there is so much physical violence plaguing societies and the world,"

Gandhi said. Through daily lessons, Arun says, he learned about violence and about anger.

Arun shares these lessons all around the world. For the past five years, he has participated in the Renaissance Weekend deliberations with President Clinton and other well-respected Rhodes Scholars. Other engagements have included speaking at the United Nations, Chicago Children's Museum, the Women's Justice Center in Ann Arbor, Young President's Organization in Mexico, the Trade Union Leaders' Meeting in Milan, Italy, the Peace and Justice Center in St. Louis, Missouri, The Scottish Parliament and many more. Arun's travels have also take him across the world to Australia, Croatia, Canada, France, Germany, Sweden, Ireland, Italy, Holland, Lithuania, Nicaragua, South Africa, China, Scotland, England, Japan and many others. He is also a very popular speaker on college campuses. Arun has now spoken at Universities and Colleges in all 50 states of the USA.

Arun is very involved in social programs and writing, as well. Shortly after Arun married his wife Sunanda, they were informed the South African government would not allow her to accompany him there. Sunanda and Arun decided to live in India, and Arun worked for 30 years as a journalist for The Times of India. Together, Arun and Sunanda started projects for the social and economic uplifting of the oppressed using constructive programs, the backbone of Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence. The programs changed the lives of more than half a million people in over 300 villages and they still continue to grow. Sunanda died in February of 2007 and the family is working to establish a school in poorest rural India in her name.

Arun is the author of several books. The first, *A Patch of White* (1949), is about life in prejudiced South Africa; then, he wrote two books on poverty and politics in India; followed by a compilation of M.K. Gandhi's *Wit & Wisdom*. He also edited a book of essays on *World Without Violence: Can Gandhi's Vision Become Reality?* And, more recently, wrote *The Forgotten Woman: The Untold Story of Kastur, the Wife of Mahatma Gandhi*, jointly with his late wife Sunanda.



Viviana Guzmán

Described by the New York Times as "an imaginative artist," Chilean-born flutist, Viviana Guzmán performs over 50 concerts a year throughout the world. Her most recent recording "Traveling Sonata" received a GRAMMY® Nomination. She has been featured on programs for PBS, NBC, ABC, Univision and NPR, as well as speaking for TEDxBerkeley immediately before Steve Wozniak, Co-Founder, Apple, Inc. She has also been seen on the cover of Latina Style Magazine, in COSMOPOLITAN en Español and has performed in 123 countries, in all 7 continents including South Africa, Ireland, Spain, Brazil, Bali, India, Peru, Japan, China, Argentina, Greece, often featuring flutes from her collection of over 100 gathered from concert tours. She has performed as soloist with over 100 orchestras including ensembles in Russia, Chile, Vermont, New York, Wisconsin, California, Texas, Montana, Philippines, in such halls as in Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center, and other prominent stages with such artists as Mikhail Baryshnikov, Plácido Domingo, and Glenn Close. Last season included appearances in Tokyo, Beijing, Jakarta, Bangkok, Seoul, as well as teaching master classes in University of Colorado, of University Wyoming, University of Utah, Warwick University in UK, Northern Colorado University, Southeast Missouri State University, Seoul National University, Jakarta Conservatory, and as a soloist with the Southeast Missouri Symphony Orchestra, Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra & San Jose Chamber Orchestra.

TEDxTalk Video

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Nancy Slonim Aronie

Nancy Slonim Aronie has been a commentator for National Public Radio's All Things Considered. She was a Visiting Writer at Trinity College in Hartford, CT, wrote a monthly column in McCall's magazine and was the recipient of the Eye of The Beholder Artist in Residence award at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. Nancy won teacher of the year award for all three years she taught at Harvard University for Robert Coles. She is the author of *Writing From the Heart; Finding Your Inner Voice* and the Founder of the Chilmark Writing Workshop on Martha's Vineyard.



Ed Merck

Ed Merck was educated at Wesleyan University (M.A. Music) and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (M.B.A. Business). His diverse talents led to varied careers: professional musician, music professor and/or chief financial officer at several prestigious universities and colleges, and co-developer/owner of the premier strategic/financial planning software used in higher education today. In recent years, Ed has gravitated towards pursuits of the heart – writing, making music, teaching yoga/meditation, and offering workshops on "Conscious Aging." His memoir, "Sailing the Mystery: My Journey into Life's Remaining Chapters" was released October, 2013. He currently resides on Martha's Vineyard.



Dr. Sarah Oktay

Sarah Oktay is Director of UMass Boston's Nantucket Field Station (School for the Environment). She is passionate about educating the public concerning major environmental issues on Cape Cod and the islands. She is President of the Organization of Biological Field, with over 300 field stations globally. She partners with Water Defense, a nonprofit with actor Mark Ruffalo. She aims to test water safety across the country. She partners with Michael Schulder, a former CNN executive producer to provide content and scientific material for Wavemaker, a new online creation. A frequent invited speaker on island with 30 public presentations a year. Dr. Oktay is a chemical oceanographer from Texas A&M University, Galveston. Awards include: Regional Conservation Award from the Garden Club; international award for inner city STEM program in Massachusetts featuring place based research; The Commonwealth of Massachusetts House of Representatives gave Sarah and the Nantucket Field station a citation in recognition of the Grace Grossman Youth Collaborative. Leadership positions include: invited member of the Society of Women's Geographers, former President & Vice President, Nantucket Civic League; Co-Captain, Nantucket Clean Team; former chair Nantucket Harbor Plan Implementation Committee; Chair of the Nantucket Coastal Management Plan and helped write the Harbor Plan for Nantucket. She believes strongly in using science and communication to aid communities and effect change. In her weekly column in Nantucket's *Yesterday's Island* she describe scientific issues and the natural world to lay people. Her book with essays from six years of articles is published in 2015. She's been featured in *Vanity Fair*, *Yankee Magazine*, *Cape Cod Times*.



Dr. Sylvia A. Earle is a pioneering oceanographer, explorer, author, and lecturer. Vineyard filmmaker Bob Nixon co-directed and produced the documentary *Mission Blue* about her life quest. She received the Institute's 2014 Walter Cronkite Award.

A National Geographic Society Explorer-in-Residence, Dr. Earle has led more than 100 expeditions and logged more than 7000 hours underwater including leading the first team of women aquanauts during the Tektite Project in 1970 and in 2012 setting a record for solo diving in 1000 meters depth.

Dr. Earle's non-profit Mission Blue was formed in response to her **2009 TED Prize wish** where she urged people "to use all means at your disposal — films, expeditions, the web, new submarines — to create a campaign to ignite public support for a global network of marine protected areas." The Mission Blue community includes more than fifty respected ocean conservation groups and like-minded organizations — from large multinational companies down to individual scientific teams doing important research.

She received the first "Hero for the Planet" by *Time* magazine, called "Her Deepness" by the *New Yorker* and the *New York Times*, "Living Legend" by the Library of Congress.

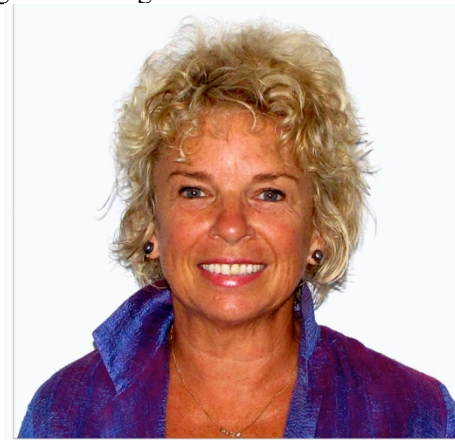


Dr. Marianne Goldberg
Pathways Projects Institutes

Dr. Marianne Goldberg is a writer, choreographer, and visual artist. She is artistic director and founder of Pathways Projects Institutes in Chilmark, where she directs collaborative arts community events. She received her doctorate in Performance Studies from NYU, MFA in Choreography from Smith College, and BA in Aesthetic Education from UC Santa Cruz. Works in her invented genre, the *Performance Piece for Print*, have been published in Artforum International; Women & Performance and Writings on Dance Australia. Her scholarly essays are published in journals and anthologies. Her choreographers and installations have been performed across the US and internationally. At the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's 2015 Youth Leadership Summit, Dr. Goldberg will lead an **Oceans Vision Workshop** for the youth leadership, integrating fabric, paint, and light. Celebrating collaborative and individual creative process, the group of students as a whole will share imagery and key words across a vast wave of silk fabric. Each student will then cut a section of the whole, to take home for inspiration in fulfilling a dream marine project in planet regeneration. Assisting Dr. Goldberg for the workshop are artists from the **Pathways Team**: **Scott Crawford** has been a dancer, choreographer, actor, stagehand, prop maker, and stage manager for Broadway, off Broadway and touring productions. **Caroline L. Curry**, Production Assistant, hails from the hills of Kentucky and brings to the Pathways Team a passion for creative expression—from acting, dance, and opera, to stage

management. **Jeanne DelGuidice** assists at Pathways as a puppeteer and floral designer and comes to us via New York City and Providence, RI. **Karin Kugel's** background includes theater, music, and set design, as well as performing in Deborah Warner's The Angel Project (Lincoln Center Festival) and new music events in Los Angeles, New York, and across the Northeast.

Pathways Projects Institutes' OceA Wilderness Festival for Martha's Vineyard integrates ocean arts with experiences of wild aqua-terrestrial terrain across island, encouraging travel off usual routes. Artistic practices enhance awareness that people and earth and oceans are one and the same—that both oceans creatures and artists, each currently endangered species, are pivotal to human and ecological thriving.



Marianne Larned
Stone Soup Leadership Institute

Marianne is the Executive Director of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute and the author of educational series, *Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes*. She's traveled to 34 islands, where she researched best practices for island sustainability and developed green initiatives with youth-community leaders on the island communities of Martha's Vineyard, Hawaii (Lanai, Oahu, Hawaii Island), Philippines, Vieques, and Virgin Gorda. She has accompanied youth leaders from six islands to the Asian Pacific Economic Conference in (Peru 2008 and Oahu 2010; Secretary Kerry's Ocean Summit at the U.S. State Department. Alumni of Boston University's MBA Organizational Development, she consulted to companies, Chambers of Commerce, education, government, civic and community leaders to develop public-private partnerships to improve education, health care and economic development.



Elise Quebec

Elise has been a seasonal resident of Martha's Vineyard her whole life. For the last six summers she taught sailing at the East Chop Yacht Club where she developed her love for the ocean. A 2015 graduate of the University of Massachusetts Elise majored in environmental studies, with an emphasis on Marketing and Geography. Elise hopes to encourage a paradigm shift toward sustainable business practices around the world. For her sophomore year Elise studied at Sonoma State University and was hired by Kaleidoscope, a start up marketing company, customizing marketing tools for physicians. For her junior year abroad, she interned in East Africa, first exploring field based research programs for wild life management and conservation in Tanzania and then implemented her research techniques to evaluate water management practices of the Kimana-Kikarankot river system at the Kenyan foothills of Mt. Kilimanjaro. In 2014 Elise represented the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative at Secretary John Kerry's Ocean Summit at the U.S. State Department including *The Power of the Marketplace in Promoting Stewardship*. She served as co-director of the Institute's 2014 Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development where she made a presentation on Our Oceans. Elise is on the faculty for the 2015 Summit, co-presenting the MVYLI's Ocean Sustainability Project.



MVRHS' MV Environmental Club Awardees

Awarded by: National Energy Education Development Award for: Outstanding Energy Education Project: Elementary Energy and Engineering Outreach Program Award: Martha's Vineyard Regional High School was selected as Massachusetts Senior School of the Year. Advisors: Dr. Natalie Munn, Anna Cotton, Dana Munn The Elementary Energy and Engineering Outreach Program is a student-run all county wide program that involved over 30 high school students who volunteered at five elementary schools to teach kids about energy through engineering activities. Over 100 kids ranging from 3rd -5th grade attended after school program for four weeks. All activities were planned and taught by these students. The students were taught about four types of energy: mechanical, sound, wind, and electrical energy. Our goals for this project were to teach the younger generation about how energy works, how to use it efficiently, and how it applies to everyday life.



Straw Free MV

7th Graders West Tisbury School

Straw Free MV is a group of 7th graders from the West Tisbury School: Violet Cabot, Dash Christy, Morgan Estrella, Ava Vigneault, Hunter Athearn, Rose Herman, Chris Ferry, Andrea Pachico with their teacher Annemarie Ralph. After seeing plastics wash up on their local beaches, they researched the problem of plastics in the Ocean. They began a campaign to help reduce plastic straws on Martha's Vineyard. They are trying to educate Vineyard restaurant owners about the dangers of plastic straws. They wrote to 30 restaurants to invite them to join this campaign. They asked teacher Anita Smith to create a design and made stickers with it. The stickers are given to participating restaurants to show in the windows. Check out their site on Facebook: Straw Free MV.

Our Emerging Leaders Martha's Vineyard



Charlotte McCarron
Summit Project Coordinator

Charlotte McCarron is a life-long resident of Edgartown, MA and a rising sophomore at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. At school, she is involved with the Relay For Life program and plays intramural volleyball. Charlotte is majoring in Economics and looking at Environmental Science and Sociology as potential minors. She hopes to study abroad in the United Kingdom during the spring of her junior year. Charlotte is still exploring options for a future career but is currently leaning towards the business field. She has been involved with MVYLI since her junior year of high school, participating in job shadow day and speaking at the 2014 Walter Cronkite Awards. Charlotte is the Project Coordinator for the 2015 Youth Leadership Summit.



Mary Ollen

Mary Ollen is an incoming sophomore political science major at Wellesley College and year-round resident of Martha's Vineyard. Mary's passion for politics and innate leadership abilities have followed her to college as a member of the club rugby team and the Wellesley College Democrats. In January, Mary landed an internship at Time Madden as the representative for the Cape and Islands. She is determined to have a career in politics and to one day hold public office.

Mary has demonstrated her strength in leadership as a member of MVYLI since her sophomore year of high school. She was a 2013 Visioneer and speaker at the 2014 Walter Cronkite Awards. For MVYLI's 2012 Job Shadow Day, Mary was paired with U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren's Offices.

Mary hopes to deepen her involvement in politics by working on campaigns for the next couple summers in preparation for 2018 as an election year. Mary was instrumental in drafting this year's Summit curriculum.



Isabella El-Deiry

Isabella Hazell-El Deiry is an International Studies/Political Science, Economics Major at Howard University. She is a proud daughter of Bequia, St. Vincent & The Grenadines and Martha's Vineyard. At Howard University, Isabella is on the Mentorship/Leadership Council, and tutor/mentor with AVID DC with Washington D.C. students and College Has Its Life Lessons. This summer she is an intern at CBS News. Isabella is an inspiring spokesperson for multicultural youth. In 2015 Isabella was featured speaker at the MVYLI's Selma for Students, where youth viewed the film. In 2013, she spoke at the Cronkite Awards Ceremony to acknowledge Nick Clooney for his support for the South Sudan Girls Empowerment Club. As a multicultural youth leader, Bella championed MVYLI's emphasis on Cultural Sustainability. She represented MVYLI at the "Minorities in the MV Public Schools: Panel & Public Forum". She then led the Multicultural Assembly at the high school. A friendly and energetic youth, Bella engaged others in her vision; spearheaded a team of youth and helped produce an educational video. The honored speaker was the renowned civil rights leader, Charlayne Hunter-Gault. Bella served as a delegate/Visioneer/faculty to MVYLI's Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development (2011- 2013), MVYLI's College Prep & Field Trip Program. She served on Governor Patrick's Statewide Youth Council. Upon her graduation she received commendations from Senator Kerry and Governor Patrick.

Emerging Leaders Hawaii: SHYLI



Alex Siordia

Alex Siordia is an incoming sophomore to Boston University, majoring in political science. He aspires to become a Senator from Hawaii. Born and raised on the Hawaii Island, he attended Waimea Middle Public Conversion Charter School and received a full scholarship to attend the Hawaii Preparatory Academy (HPA).

Alex is from a hard-working family who are first generation from Mexico. For Alex SHYLI Sustainability-In-Action Project, he developed a College Prep Workshop. An inspiring speaker, Alex spoke at SHYLI's Design Sustainable Hawaii Forum about the importance of supporting Hawaii's youth to pursue their dreams, especially college. Alex is featured in SHYLI press & videos.

For SHYLI's Job Shadow Day 2015 Alex was matched with Senator Brian Schatz and Maisie Hirono in Washington D.C. In 2014 Alex was matched with Representative Cindy Evans mentored Alex where she recognized him from the floor of the Hawaii State Capitol. In 2013 Alex proudly represented SHYLI at the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl. In 2015 Alex spoke at the Hawaii State Capitol on **"Innovation Briefing" by the High Tech Industry.**



Makana Tavares

Makana completed her second year at Brown University, where she is pursuing an engaged degree in Anthropology with a likely second concentration in English. Moku o Keawe (Hawai'i Island) is her home. She has enjoyed the challenges and excitement of adapting to life as a New Englander. Makana attended Kanu o ka 'Āina New Century Public Charter School in Waimea, where she first cultivated an appreciation for and a link to her Hawaiian ancestry. She attended the Youth Leadership Summit in 2012 and served as a cultural resource in 2014. Makana believes that ancient cultural models serve an invaluable purpose in helping to ground ventures in modern sustainable development and she has recently discovered a passion for engaging the minds of young people in her current community of Providence, Rhode Island. During her freshman year, Makana began volunteering with two service programs that focus on mentoring youth in the Providence area, one of which aims to increase access to Environmental Science/Studies education among underserved populations. She spent her first summer in Providence interning with a non-profit community arts organization that provides a productive creative outlet to local youth, with a focus on those in state custody. This year she became involved with another organization, The Samaritans of Rhode Island, which holds suicide prevention as its mission and provides Rhode Island with its only suicide crisis hotline. She loves the work she has done and continues to do with these local organizations and is determined to learn more about the fine-tuned aspects of non-profit management. This summer Makana is in Arcata, CA, exploring the West Coast. At the Summit she is delighted to engage with the next generation of progressive thinkers and actors.



Trevor Tanaka

Trevor Tanaka is an incoming junior at Chapman University in Orange, California. He is an alumni of Konawaena High School, in Kealahou, Hawaii where he was a member of the Hawaii State Student Council, Vice Chair of the Council's Environment of Care Committee. He served as a Student Body Vice President, President of Konawaena High School's Leo Club, and member of the National Honor Society. Trevor is a Harvard Book Award recipient and Honorable Mention Awardee of County of Hawaii's Student Malama Award: Celebrating Student Leadership in Sustainability. Trevor was a member of the Konawaena High School Varsity Basketball and Volleyball Teams and three-time selection to the Hawaii Tribune Herald's All Academic Basketball Team. Trevor served as a youth delegate to the 2012 Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development. Trevor was an active member of the Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative yearlong fellowship. At SHYLI's 2014 Youth Leadership Forum, Trevor made an inspiring presentation to the Island's leaders from business, government, education and the civic community. He then engaged them in brainstorming ways to work with the legislative process to support his Sustainable Education Resolution. Trevor worked with Representative Denny Coffman's as a champion of his Resolution, resulting in hearings in the House and the Senate – on the same day! For SHYLI's Job Shadow Day, Trevor was mentored by Dr. Edwin Phillip Herd M.D. Pediatric Clinic. Trevor's goal is to obtain his degree(s) and return to the Island of Hawaii to pursue his career: Pre-med (Kinesiology) with a minor in nutrition.



MVYLI Visioneers



**Caley Bennett
with Dr. Sylvia Earle
Cronkite Awards Ceremony 2014**

Caley Bennett is a recent graduate senior at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. In the fall, she will attend Connecticut College, majoring in Chemistry or Biochemistry. Though Caley is exploring degree, she knows that she wants to help people. She is also interesting in chemical engineering. Caley is involved in many activities outside of school. She is the president of the National Honors Society, a section leader in Minnesingers, and a group leader of the award-winning elementary engineering program on the island. She also is very interested in the environment and is part of the MEnvironment Club, she hopes to continue activities like this in college.



Maisie Jarrell

Maisie Jarrell likes to make a positive impact on people's lives. Maisie has a wide range of interests – from medicine to the Peace Corps. She is also curious about event planning. For her first MVYLI mentorship experience Maisie explored the world of event planning. Maisie wants to help people bring their ideas into special memories. Maisie was a youth delegate to MVYLI's 2014 Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development. A Junior at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, Maisie takes all honors classes and is consistently on the Honor Roll. She has participated on the Cross Country and La Cross Teams and now plays tennis at the Youth Tennis Center. She is looking forward to attending the Peer Outreach – to learn how to help people who are helping others. During the summer, Maisie has worked at Suka's retail store in Edgartown, and the Art Cliff Diner. She likes the fast paced environment. Maisie loves to travel, often to New York City and New Jersey, as well as to colleges in California and even Paris. She likes learning about other cultures, outside of her comfort zone. Maisie is exploring her options before applying to colleges next year. At the Harbor View Hotel Maisie assisted with the MVYLI Advisory Council's meeting with Island leaders. She helped with Christmas in Edgartown. Maisie is the assistant event planner for MVYLI's Job Shadow Day Reception 2015.



Lucie Dougherty-Soares

Lucie likes to make an impact and help those in need, and transform lives. She is exploring the idea of becoming a social worker or a sociologist. A MVRHS Junior, Lucie takes all honors classes, and is consistently on the Honor Roll. Lucie has been a team player for MVRHS Girl's Lacrosse team; a member of MVRHS Minnesingers and regular dance student since pre-K, where she competed in statewide dance competitions. Lucie was elected by the West Tisbury faculty to represent her school as an 8th grade service ambassador with Governor Patrick's Project 351, which opened her eyes to the idea of community service, helping others, and making an impact on the world. Lucie served as a youth delegate for MVYLI's 2013 Youth Leadership Summit and as a MVYLI Visioneer helped plan the 2014 Summit. Lucie participated in the College Prep Program, hosted by Dr. James Wolff at Boston University's Department of International Health. For MVYLI's Job Shadow Day, she was matched with Barbara MacDonald, Executive Director at the South East Neighborhood Housing in Boston where she saw her work with pre-school, young adolescents and senior citizens. Like Barbara Macdonald, Lucie is a renaissance young woman. Lucie plans to go to a 4-year college and is open to new ideas and opportunities. Lucie worked on the MVYLI's Multicultural Sustainability Project, speaking with MV middle school students.

SHYLI Youth Delegation Windward Oahu Hawaii



Serena Le

Serena Le is a rising senior at Punahou School. She is interested in impacting the community on a social level through awareness. Serena believes that community cooperation is necessary in order to develop lasting and impactful change and in order to create a more sustainable future. She wants to inspire people and help them to understand what they can do for the environment, and especially help Hawaii's students find an interest in environmental science. Many of Hawaii's students are underprivileged, so Serena hopes that in the future, students will be able to access resources and the right environment to pursue their interests and reach their full potential. Serena participates in many school and extracurricular activities. She is the news editor for her school's KEY Club, and is also on the math team. She plays the piano and participates in club and varsity tennis. With the Civil Engineering Club, she has designed and built a sand sifter and a hydroponics unit.



Jackie Noborikawa

Jacqueline "Jackie" Noborikawa grew up in Kaneohe on the windward side of Oahu. She grew up with many Japanese and Hawaiian influences surrounding her. This resulted in many Japanese and Hawaiian dinners (such as shabu shabu and luau stew), traditions and the occasional Japanese and Hawaiian words. Jackie will also be a senior at James B. Castle High School. Castle has shown her that money does have a big impact on the quality of a school, but the community is also another important factor. She knows that despite the economical challenges at Castle with the help of the community/school it can become sustainable. Castle is not a rich school and the community helps out by giving many donations. When she isn't busy with student council, Key Club, NHS, or school Jackie loves to watch Gossip Girl on Netflix or hang out with friends. She hopes to pursue her interest in mathematics through cryptology.

The challenge facing Jackie is the inability to plan for the future. Even in her personal life knowing what career, college, or major she will pursue is not firm. She does find interest in social and environmental sustainability. The ability to make small changes in the present and have a huge positive effect in the future is why Jackie would like to bring sustainability to Oahu.



Celeste Ye, SHYLI Project Coordinator

Celeste Yee is a recent graduate from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. She grew up in Kahalu'u on the eastern half of Oahu. A ninth generation immigrant to Hawai'i, she is of Chinese descent. Many of the values and beliefs of her ethnic heritage have shaped her perspective of the world. Doing well in school and taking care of family has always been important personal values. At the same time, growing up in a semi-rural community that is minutes from urbanized Honolulu has played an equal part in contributing to who she is. Her hobbies are just as varied as the place she grew up in. During the day she enjoys hiking and diving, while in the hours she can't be outdoors, she spends her time drawing and looking at art. Eating everything in sight is a favorite past time too. Celeste's enthusiasm for being outdoors has propelled her into environmental science and ecology. She has worked in a number of systematics labs and has been involved in environmental outreach and education for ten years. Projects that she has been involved in are EIS surveys for insects and Hawaiian land snails in NARS locations, systematic studies for the critically listed Wekiu bug, and restoration efforts in culturally significant resources around Oahu. Within the year she hopes to become involved in agricultural research and bioengineering



Kimo Short

Kimo Short was born in Kailua on the east-windward side of the island of O'ahu. He is working toward his goal of becoming an environmental entrepreneur that employs bright minds to invent environmentally sound solutions to meet our world's growing demands. Currently studying electronics and computer science, Kimo envisions creating devices of the future from yesterday's trash that make contributing to environmentalism simple and fulfilling for everyone. He believes that hawaii has a history of inventing such devices, like the surfboard, which draw people into their environment where they can be reminded of the simple pleasure of a clean ocean, or taught the harsh reality of a polluted one. These devices reconnect people with nature and inspire them to be conscious of the environment even when they aren't out enjoying it. Kimo went to Kalani High School, Windward Community College, and is now studying at Penn Foster online. He works as an electrician and currently fixes equipment at Safeway stores all across the hawaiian islands. In the next 5 years he plans to start his business and have 20 full-time employees.

SHYLI Youth Delegation Waimea Hawaii Island



Tania DuPont

Driven by a keen curiosity regarding the “goodness” of things, Tania duPont often finds herself being inspired by everything she is amidst. Born in Waimea and now a rising junior at Hawaii Preparatory Academy, Tania actively pursues initiatives that encompass the state of good she has so much admiration for. She dreams of bringing positivity into the lives of others by ensuring they have basic necessities such as nutritious and delicious food, clean water, and a place to call home. Tania is an active member in the community participating in volunteer service projects and has previously headed multiple awareness fundraisers for Cystic Fibrosis and various Red Cross relief efforts. Working with sustainability projects has increased her ultimate awareness regarding the world we live in. It is because of these projects that Tania has had the ability to recognize reality, thus driving her to pursue goals that initiate a change for the better. With knowledge extracted from these projects she feels a compelling need to make the world better now and for future generations. Tania is striving to begin a non-profit community –service foundation of her own one-day. She is passionate about the world, and hopes to traverse through as many landscapes as she possibly can, all the while experiencing cultures and environments foreign from her own. Through doing so, she hopes to be enlightened by the happiness others find in spite of the hardships that may be present. Tania believes tenacity is an integral aspect of sustainability and reiterates that failures must not be discouraging but rather drawn upon and utilized as a means to improve.



Elijah Anakalea-Buckley

“He ali`i ka `āina, he Kauwā ke kanaka”, This translates into “The land is the chief, man is its servants”. This process of thinking has escaped the minds of youth today. Elijah Anakalea-Buckley strives toward these ideals, putting the land before all because of the benefits of life that it can and will continue to give. An up and rising junior student at Big Island Hawaii Preparatory Academy, Elijah previously attended Waimea Middle School and before that he went to Kanu O Ka Aina Public Charter School. He is very involved in the community, often participating and helping in local Makahiki and Makalii (voyaging canoe) activities. The Makalii and the ocean has always been a big part of his life. He has been on a voyaging canoe for majority of his life, watching and learning as his uncles and aunties managed the beautiful vessel. He is a crew member in training and his mission is to sail on the Makalii to complete a true voyage one day. While Elijah is involved in many sports including soccer and track, he makes time to balance his academic workload and social life. He is a part of the Kulia I ka Pono program in Kawaihae teaching and spreading the voyaging aspects of the Hawaiian culture to the youth every summer. One of his focuses for sustainability is keeping Hawaii beautiful while taking advantages of the numerous resources in the process such as Zero-Waste programs. He also has the dream of bringing college sustainability programs to the Big Island and his community because of the ideal location and the awareness, initiative and support it would bring to the island.

Our Support Team



Maura Valley
Summit Lunch & Logistics Coordinator

Maura is the Summit Lunch & Logistics Coordinator. During MVYLI's year-round program Maura also serves as Project Coordinator and Office Manager. Maura has also taken a leadership role to increase parental involvement in the program. She works for the Town of Tisbury Board of Health for 22 years. She has lived on Martha's Vineyard for 25 years. Maura believes in the importance of actively contributing to your community. While she raised her family she was involved in organizations focused on children and education: served as a School Committee member for the Tisbury School and Martha's Vineyard Regional High School and treasurer for the Martha's Vineyard Minnesingers and a Girl Scout Leader. She currently serves on the board of the Martha's Vineyard Medical Reserve Corps.



Steve Weinmann

Steve is an attorney specializing in the litigation and management of consumer class action cases, including areas such as false advertising, unfair competition, and defective products liability. A graduate of the Hofstra University School of Law, and with degrees in English Literature and Political Science from Rutgers College, he is the founder and principal of The Law Office of Steven R. Weinmann. He lives in the Half Moon Bay, California area with his wife, Viviana Guzman.



Robin Harper

Robin is the webmaster of mvyli.org since 2011. A University of Maryland, College Park graduate she's lived on the Vineyard since 1997. She began her career working for an internet bookstore in Vineyard Haven, then SEO/web marketing firm in 2007. She lives in Edgartown with her husband and two daughters. "I'm so pleased there is an organization like MVYLI for young people of this island. I'm a firm believer that many of our world's ills stem from a lack of strong, forward-thinking leadership and MVYLI is instrumental in filling this void. I am continually blown away how MVYLI guides these kids into taking charge in their local community and beyond to effect positive change."

Our Video Team



Renick Turley

Renick Turley is a renowned filmmaker, editor and musician whose produced feature films, documentaries and corporate advertising. During his 20-year career Renick has worked for major broadcasters, and others including Singapore TV. He now specializes in creating incredible film-like images with low-budget video. He aspires to help people to share their dreams through the art of storytelling and the medium of video. In 2002, Renick worked with the **Stone Soup Leadership Institute's Oakland Youth Leadership Initiative**. He was the videographer for the **Institute's Hero Report of Captain Ray Gatchalian** and the award-winning video **Oakland: In Search of Heroes**, produced with Fremont High School Media Department's students. Renick has won awards for the **Best Documentary at the 2013 Jerome Film Festival - *The Ghost of the Cuban Queen***; His film ***Hozho, The Beauty Way***, the philosophy of life through the eyes of the Navajo was featured at the **Sedona International Film Festival**. ***The Song Within*** was an official selection of the 2011 Sedona Film Festival and the Wales Film Festival of Body and Spirit; for best music video "Can't Call Love" and for best PSA "Verve" with Scottsdale Community College Film School. Film projects under development: ***The Navajo Hopi Honor Rides***, ***The Integrative Perspective*** and a documentary series on ***The Healing Power of Sound and Music***.

Our Health Team



Antone Dias/Eclipse Massage

Antone was raised in Vineyard Haven where he now resides. His daughter makes the 5th generation of his family to grow up on Martha's Vineyard. Antone joined the Coast Guard and was stationed in San Francisco for 2 years visiting Alaska and Mexico; then Keywest Florida. After The Coast Guard he continued to travel and spent 2 years in Arizona and 2 years in New Orleans. In 2007 he attended The Cortiva Institute of Massage in Watertown MA, becoming a personal trainer. He started his business on Martha's Vineyard in 2010 to offer massage, yoga, and personal training.



Gabrielle Alinda Sullo

Yoga Instructor/ Isola's Healthy Habits

Gabrielle is an island local who grew up in Vineyard Haven with a love for good food and health. In 2012 she graduated from Northeastern University with a bachelors in Economics and worked at an energy management firm in Boston. In 2014, she opened up a raw & whole food lunch eatery, Healthy Habit, in Edgartown. Earlier this year she traveled to Rishikesh, India where she completed her yoga teacher training at the Avatar Yoga School.