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National Recycling Coalition Honors Scholarship Recipients

Three outstanding college students were presented with tuition-based scholarships at the National Zero Waste Conference, hosted virtually by the NRC recently. This year's funding focused on advancing students' academic and professional interests in social justice aspects of the recycling industry.

The Murray J. Fox Scholarship Fund was created in 1994 to honor one of the founding members of the National Recycling Coalition through an endowment to continue his legacy of fostering future leaders. Since then, dozens of students have benefited from his support. Many are making valuable contributions in the industry. A tribute to him is posted at the NRC's Campus Council web page.

The NRC congratulates these students on their awards and welcomes them to the Coalition.

Varsha Madapoosi

Sophomore, Data Science as well as Society and Environment, University of California- Berkeley

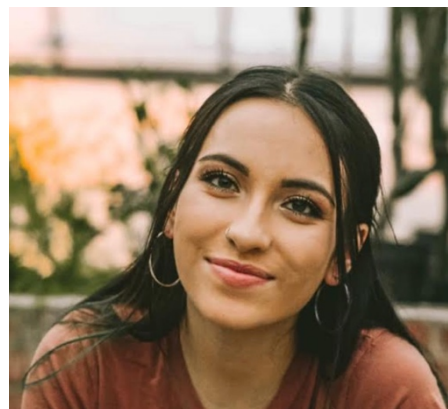
Varsha's work lies at the intersection of data science and environmental sustainability. She is particularly interested in the environmental justice implications of the global waste trade. In the future, she hopes to push STEM fields to new heights, both through her research and encouraging a mindset of equity and justice. To her, college isn't just a place of sole academic focus, it's a place to practice independence, exercise student voice, and change the world.



Haley Nolde

Senior, Environmental Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Haley is pursuing a degree in Environmental Studies along with a minor in Sociology to gain expertise on what she cares about most: social justice, climate health, and education. She interns at the Nebraska Recycling Council making recycling easy and understandable for a wider range of people. She is heavily involved the environmental action club on campus, doing everything from hosting clothing swaps to community clean ups. She sorts donations at



People's City Mission, a non-profit dedicated to helping the less fortunate, because she believes we all have a responsibility to do better because climate change accelerates social injustice issues.

Benjamin Acord-Becker
Grad student, Urban and Regional Planning, Portland State University

Benjamin is a second-year grad student serving as the Solid Waste Assessment Team (SWAT) project lead at Portland State University. He conducts waste audits for PSU, Metro, the City of Portland, and many other firms. As a planning student, his work focuses on gentrification and displacement during green and transit-oriented development. His professional goal is to work with Metro or the City of Portland on the regional Climate Action plan or the Regional Waste plan.



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