

Congratulations to our 2022 EES Graduates!



Grace Bridy

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Grace Bridy SAS '22 is graduating with a major in Earth Science (concentration in Environmental Science) and a minor in Fine Arts. During her time at Penn, she has worked in Perelman's Center of Excellence in Environmental Toxicology, was the lead artist on an environmental-health community project in Chester County, and served as the Events Coordinator on the EES Undergraduate Advisory Board. Her interests include the intersection between urban and outdoor education, German language and culture, and the arts.

This summer, Grace will be returning to a job in Germany as an outdoor educator and in the Fall, she will be an Education Intern at Canyonlands National Park in southeastern Utah with the Student Conservation Association (SCA).



Marina Dauer

Marina Dauer, from Dallas, is an Environmental Studies (Sustainability and Environmental Management concentration) and Political Science double major with a minor in Survey Research and Data Analytics. Dauer has served as the Co-Chair of the Student Sustainability Association at Penn (SSAP) and Co-Chair of Penn Climate Week. She is also a member of the Penn Glee Club. A 2021 Udall Scholar, Dauer is also the recipient of the Student Award of Merit, Abraham D. Cohn Prize, Sol Feinstein Undergraduate Award, and Ferdinand Vandever Hayden Award. She conducts research on extreme weather and climate adaptation at the Wharton Risk Center and her senior thesis was entitled “Accelerating Acquisition: Maximizing the Financial Effectiveness of Flood Risk in New Jersey”.

After graduation, she will be working in sustainability consulting in Washington, DC.



Desiree Izecksohn

Major & Concentration: Environmental Studies, Sustainability and Environmental Management, Minor in Design

Research Focus: Sustainable Packaging

Academic Achievements: Founder of Penn Sustainability Consulting Club

Interests: Cooking, Artistic Swimming

Plans After Graduation: Internship about circular economy in Amsterdam, Pursue Masters of Environmental Studies at Penn



Andrea Nebreda Bello

I majored in Environmental Studies with a concentration on Sustainability and Environmental Management and a minor in Engineering Entrepreneurship. My senior thesis was centered around "Solar Development in Under-Resourced Communities," with a specific case study in Eastwick, PA.

After graduating, I plan to travel and work in Peru for two months. Afterward, I will move to New York City and work for a renewable energy company in the mergers and acquisitions department.



Michelle Nguyen

Michelle Nguyen is graduating with a degree in Earth Science with a concentration in Environmental Science along with minors in Asian American studies and Sustainability and Environmental Management. She was part of the Plante Lab researching African Dark Earths with Maura Slocum.

Currently, she doesn't have post grad plans yet, and will return to her home in Philly. In the meantime, she will spend all of her free time hanging out with friends, cooking and baking for fun, and catching up on much needed sleep.



Sandra Rigberg

I'm an Environmental Studies major concentrating on Environmental Policy and Application with a Law and Society minor. I'm interested in environmental justice, renewable energy, and preserving biodiversity. In addition to my environmental interests, I also love traveling, hiking, and spending time with my friends!

After graduation, I'm traveling to Europe for a month and a half, spending some time at home in Santa Monica, and then moving to New York in the fall. Very excited for everything to come!



Evan Shreffler

Hi, I'm Evan Shreffler. I am from Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. I majored in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Policy. I also have a minor in Legal Studies & History.



Vyshnavi Kosigi Shroff

Vyshnavi is a double major studying Economics and Environmental Studies, concentrating in Environmental and Sustainability Management. On campus, she was chair of the undergraduate umbrella environmental and climate group for two years and was two-time co-director of Climate Week at Penn. She led the Ivy League Fossil Fuel Divestment Resolution project that led to 3 Ivies divesting and has written climate policy for a US Senate campaign. Apart from climate organizing, she runs a vegan food Instagram (@veganvysh), performed in an on-campus a cappella group, and sings in her band.

Post-graduation, she plans to travel during the summer before starting her job at a clean energy investment startup in the fall.



Will Socas

My name is Will Socas and I pursued a dual-degree at Penn- majoring in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Sustainability and Management in the College and Finance in Wharton. At Penn, I have been a member of the varsity and club men's soccer teams and a non-profit consulting club called CYC.

I am super interested in renewable energy and offshore wind, and I will be working in renewable and power investment banking after Penn in NYC. Before I start my job, I will be going to Europe for a month with a few of my close friends from Penn and am really excited to take some time to relax before starting work.



Evie Sorrell

Evie Sorrell is majoring in Environmental Studies (Sustainability and Management Concentration) and minoring in Urban Studies. Her senior thesis focuses on the impact of social media on one's perceived social consensus of climate change. On campus, Evie has served as the co-chair of the Environmental and Earth Science Department Undergraduate Advisory Board (UAB). Besides her active involvement in the UAB, she has also been on the Penn Women's Ice Hockey team since her freshman year!

After graduating from Penn, she hopes to work in the field of environmental communications.



Jonathan Szeto

Jonathan is an Earth Science major, concentrating in environmental science, with a double major in political science and minors in classical studies and chemistry. His research during undergrad has focused on air quality patterns, with his independent project having characterized the air pollution in the SEPTA Market-Frankford system. During college, he has worked at Philadelphia Zoo, The Department of State, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Outside of earth science and politics, Jonathan is also interested in public health, ancient history, and is greatly fascinated by space. Jonathan is a 2022 Dean's Scholar, 2021 Udall Scholar, the 2022 Henry Darwin Rogers award recipient for excellence in the study of Earth science, and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa as a junior.

After graduation, Jonathan will spend his summer traveling Asia before starting his Masters in Earth Science at the University of Cambridge in the fall.



Christine Zhang

Christine Zhang, originally from Auckland, New Zealand, is a double major in Economics and Environmental Studies (Sustainability and Environmental Management Concentration). Her senior thesis explored the present and future of mandatory climate reporting in the New Zealand banking sector. Her interests span across ESG reporting, sustainable finance, and innovation.

Christine will be interning at an impact investment fund in San Francisco over the summer, and then returning to Penn in the Fall to complete her Masters in Environmental Studies.

