

PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS IN SAN MATEO COUNTY

Peninsula Clean Energy provides financial support for environmental and energy-related programs in schools and community colleges

Youth Climate Ambassadors Program

Peninsula Clean Energy provides annual funding for this youth leadership program targeted at 9th – 11th grade students in San Mateo County. The year-long program provides students with the opportunity to dive into social and environmental issues contributing to the global climate crisis. Students attend monthly online workshops to strengthen their knowledge about climate change and build individual skills while working toward developing and implementing an impact project that addresses local sustainability issues.

“I have definitely grown as a Youth Climate Ambassador since I started the program...I have learned a TON about climate change, gotten to meet and work with so many high schoolers around the Bay Area, and have been able to put together an awesome community impact project.”

Student, 2020 Ambassador

Clean Energy Teacher Fellowship Program

Peninsula Clean Energy provides annual funding for this San Mateo Environmental Learning Collaborative paid teacher fellowship program. The fellowship program builds teacher capacity for designing and delivering learning experiences that are student centered, problem-project-based, solutions-oriented, and integrate real-world environmental justice issues.

“Thanks to [this program] we were able to create a comprehensive unit that introduced our students to issues on our campus, and what is possible when an environment is well cared for. We are eager to work with our students to start implementing some of their solutions, and are excited to see where their futures as solutionaries will inspire them next.”

Cohort Participant, 2018-2019

Energize Colleges Internship Program

Peninsula Clean Energy is funding this program for the San Mateo County Community College District. The Energize Colleges program has a mission to advance energy and sustainability education and workforce development through experiential learning. Our funding supports a Fellow for the district who recruits and manages up to 10 paid interns over a ten-month period. Interns are matched with local businesses, non-profits and government agencies in the County to work on a range of sustainability- and energy-related projects.

“Working with Energize Colleges has been one of the best experiences of my academic journey. Not only because it is my first official internship and is directly related to the field of work I am interested in and my major, but also because of the amazing people I have had the opportunity to work with.”

D.B., Cañada College student