

WORKING TOWARD a SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

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What is your year and area(s) of study?

I am a junior studying Environmental Science and Animal Ecology (Wildlife option) with a minor in Geology.

What are some of your main responsibilities as Student Government Director of Sustainability?

Some of my primary responsibilities as Student Government Director of Sustainability include running Sustainability Committee meetings, representing the committee at Senate meetings and Student Government on university-level committees, and working with student organizations on campus-wide sustainability issues. I help my committee members as best as I can to see their sustainable visions come true. If anyone on campus has any questions about sustainability, they come to me. My job involves sending a lot of emails, but it's all worth it when I look back at all the things we have accomplished.

Why were you interested in this position?

I was interested in this position because I really enjoyed being a part of the Sustainability Committee as an at-large member and wanted to help the committee accomplish even more. I had many ideas about how the committee could make even more progress, and have implemented them during my time as director to make the committee more successful.

What do you wish students knew about sustainability?

I wish students knew that we always want to hear from them about how to make Iowa State a more sustainable place. When I am tabling sustainability-related events, I love listening to students talk about projects they want to see accomplished. It's especially amazing when they express a concern and we are already working on it!

What resources (especially at the Student Government-level) are available to students looking to be more sustainable in their everyday lives?

Resources like the Green Initiatives Fund allow the committee to turn students' ideas into actions. We are always working on sustainable initiatives to implement on campus. However, we can always use extra ideas! We love it when clubs and other organizations submit their own applications to fund projects, because it means more people care about the sustainable mission of Iowa State.

Anything else you'd like me to know?

I'd like everyone to know that the Sustainability Committee is hard at work planning the 5th annual One Sustainable Iowa conference on April 26th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This conference will gather students, faculty, and staff from all the colleges and universities of Iowa. It is a time to network and share sustainability ideas between campuses. The committee has some very exciting things planned and we can't wait to share them with you.

