

# **ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

**2013 - 2016**

# ABOUT THE AWARDS

## Nominee Criteria

- Performance
- Responsible Management and Growth
- Outreach
- Academics
- Conservation
- Teamwork

# ABOUT THE AWARDS

## Categories

- Undergraduate Students
- Graduate Students
- Teams
- Student Groups
- Staff Groups
- Staff
- Environmental Partners
- Alumni
- Faculty

# UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

# EMILY MCINERNEY

## WINNER



### UConn Student Leadership:

- EcoHusky, President
- ECOalition, President
- OEP Intern

### Key Initiatives:

- Earth Day Spring Fling Coordinator
- Facilitator of UConn Recycling Workgroup
- EcoHusky Waste Audit Facilitator

### Academic Research :

- UConn Honors Student
- Natural Resources Major, CAHNR
- Recipient of Summer Undergraduate Research Award
  - Research on the relationship between wetlands and climate change

### Post-Graduation:

- Peace Corps, Mexico



# CAMERON MITCHEL

## RUNNER UP



### EcoHouse

- Event Planning
- Curriculum Creation
- Waste Reduction and Recycling Projects

### Geology Club

- President

### ECOalition

- Geology Club and EcoHouse Representative
- ECOalition Representative to USG



# LUC DANG

## RUNNER UP



### Food Waste Tracker App Development

Startup Company: Phood LLC

- App for tracking food waste
- Provides advice on saving food
- Worked with UConn Dining Services



# GRADUATE STUDENT

# DAVE WANIK

## WINNER

### Education:

MS and PhD in Environmental Engineering

- Research on impact of wind on electrical power utilities
- Developed UConn Power Outage Prediction Model

### Leadership Roles:

- Environmental Policy Advisory Council Member
- Contributed to foundation of Eversource Energy Center
- OEP Graduate Student Coordinator

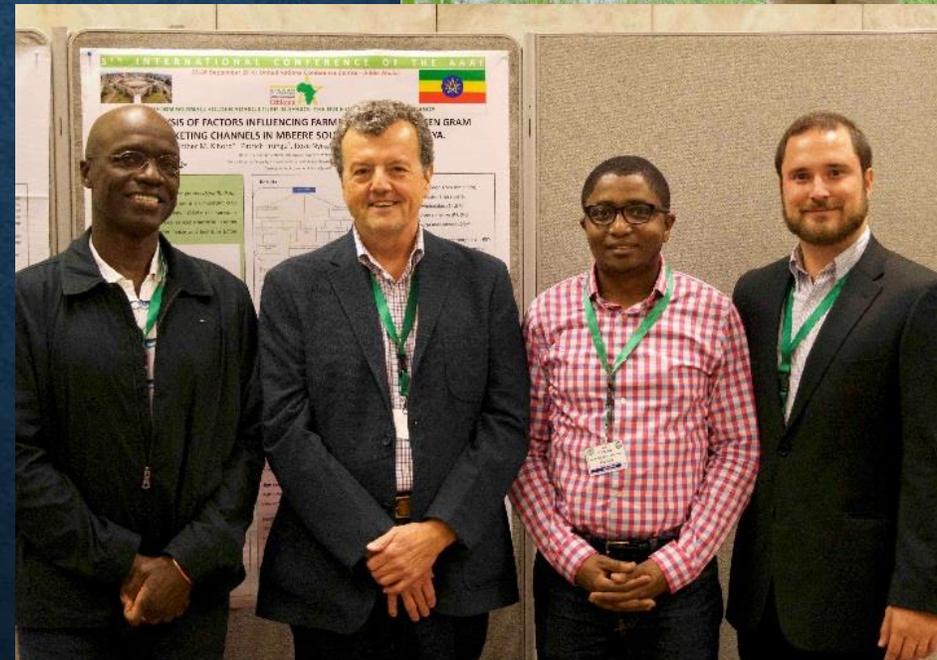
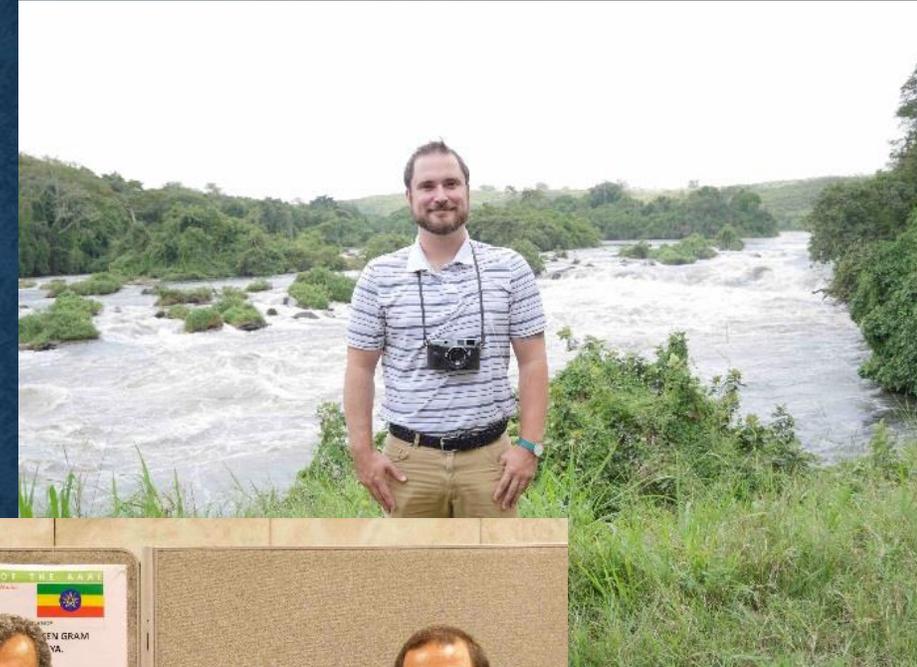


# JEREMY JELLIFFE

## FINALIST

### Leadership Roles:

- President's Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility
- CAHNR Graduate Student Council
- Served as Chair of the Co-Op and served on their board
- Appointed to the University's Board of Trustees
- PhD. Thesis: Technology and Climate Change Mitigation





# SIMONA AUGYTE

## FINALIST

Educator of Sustainable Aquaculture Technologies

Graduate Research on Aquatic Farming:

- Ecology and Evolutionary Biology TA
- Collaboration with Stamford's Seaweed Biotechnology Laboratory
- Collaboration with Long Island Sound Farmers
- Collaboration with Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center
- Cultivating a new sea vegetable

Works with elementary schools to promote sustainability





# NEIL OCULI

## FINALIST

- Member of St. Lucian delegation at the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Lawyer's Environmental Action Team
  - Tanzania - Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD)
  - Project for Peace
- PhD: Research in Human Ecology and International Studies
- Graduate Assistant to EcoHouse



# TEAM

# NEMO RAIN GARDEN OUTREACH TEAM WINNER

## Developed UConn's Rain Garden Smartphone App

- Garden installation instructions
- Plant selection guidelines
- Drainage Charts
- Nearly 4,000 Downloads!



## Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officers (NEMO) Program

- Perform rain garden trainings with Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven and Hartford



## Eagleville Brook Restoration

- Lead projects in Mansfield in collaboration with Storrs Friends Meeting, Town of Mansfield, UConn, and DEEP



# UConn@COP21 TEAM

## RUNNER UP

### Organized Trip to the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual UNFCCC Conference of Parties

- 12 Students, 4 Faculty, and 2 OEP Representatives attended
- Secured University Funding for the trip
- Trip: One week in Paris, attended seminars and events related to the UN Climate Summit

### Members

- Dan Weiner
- Zahra Ali
- Mark Urban
- Tracy Rittenhouse
- Oksan Bayulgen
- Anji Seth



# STUDENT GROUP

# SPRING VALLEY STUDENT FARM WINNER

- Provide Local, Sustainable food to UConn
  - Whitney Dining Hall
  - Chuck & Augies
  - One Plate Two Plate
- Promote Organic Farming
- Attend Local Farmers' Markets
- Farm Fridays: Student Volunteers
- Solar Thermal Greenhouse System
- IDEA Grant for Aquaponics System



# HONORS COUNCIL

## RUNNER UP

### Ugly Endangered Animals Competition

- Raised funds for Endangered Animals
- Collaborated with other student groups

### Alternative Recycling Initiative

- Promotes bottle recycling

### Environmental Movie Screenings

### Participation in Earth Day Spring Fling



# GROUP

# DINING SERVICES WINNER

## Committed to Locally Sourced Food and Sustainability

- Serve food grown by Spring Valley Student Farm
  - Whitney Dining Hall
  - One Plate – Two Plate
  - Chuck & Augie's
- Largest consumer of locally grown produce in Connecticut
- Partner with OEP to host zero-waste dining at Earth Day Spring
- Collaborated with CAHNR to host *Tasty Waste Lunch*



## Green Restaurant Certification

- Buckley
- Whitney
- Gelfenbein
- Putnam
- South
- *More in Progress*



# RECLAIMED WATER FACILITY & WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY FINALIST

## Living Laboratory

- Open up their facilities to UConn Faculty and Students as a research platform
- Provide internships for local high school students
- Regular tours of their facilities



# STAFF

# JULIA CARTABIANO WINNER

- Spring Valley Student Farm Manager
- Organizer of EcoHouse's Symposia: "Just Food! Or Is It?"
- Farm Fridays Coordinator
- Hosts healthy cooking lessons for EcoHouse
- Works with NACUFS interns at Spring Valley Student Farm
- Hosts *Insect Wonders at the Farm* with UConn Extension



# **ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNER**

# CHRISTOPHER MASON

## WINNER

- Consultant for Landfills and Wetlands
- Conducts wetland Restoration
- BioBlitz Participant
- Hiking Trail Maintenance

### Hillside Environmental Education Park

- Tours
- Invasive Species Removal
- Aerial Photography



# CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY (CCAT) FINALIST

- Completed a Renewable/Sustainable Energy Strategic Plan (RESP) for UConn
- Helped secure a \$2.14 million grant to develop a microgrid on Depot Campus
- Assisted in the development of UConn's Electric Vehicle proposal



# ALUMNI

# DR. MICHAEL DIETZ

## WINNER

- Program Director of CT NEMO
- Masters and Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut, focused on storm water and LID techniques.

### Environmental Educator

- Obtained approval for LID education signage across UConn's Storrs campus.
- Developed UConn's LID Campus tour
- Leads educational tours of UConn's LID features.
- Provides educational opportunities for students through NRCA



# DANA BOYER

## FINALIST



- Magna Cum Laude Double Degree: German Studies, Environmental Engineering from UConn
- MPhil in Engineering for Sustainable Development
- Currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Urban Food Strategies
- Recognized as an emerging leader in food systems by the Chicago Council of Global Affairs
- 2 Published Articles on the Water-Energy Nexus



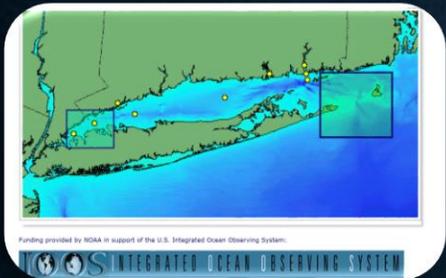
# FACULTY

# DR. JAMES O'DONNELL WINNER



## Leadership

- CT Council on Environmental Quality
- Executive Director: CT Institute for Resilience & Climate Change
- Governor's Council on Climate Change



## Research

- Physical Oceanography
- Rising Sea Levels
- CT Water Quality



# DR. MORTY ORTEGA

## RUNNER UP

Leads annual Ecology/Natural Resources  
Trips to Patagonia and South Africa

- African Field Ecology is now UConn's largest study abroad program
- Plans for new, research-based South Africa Program

Connecticut Conference on Natural  
Resources Committee Chair

Former Director of Global House



# DR. PHOEBE GODFREY

## RUNNER UP

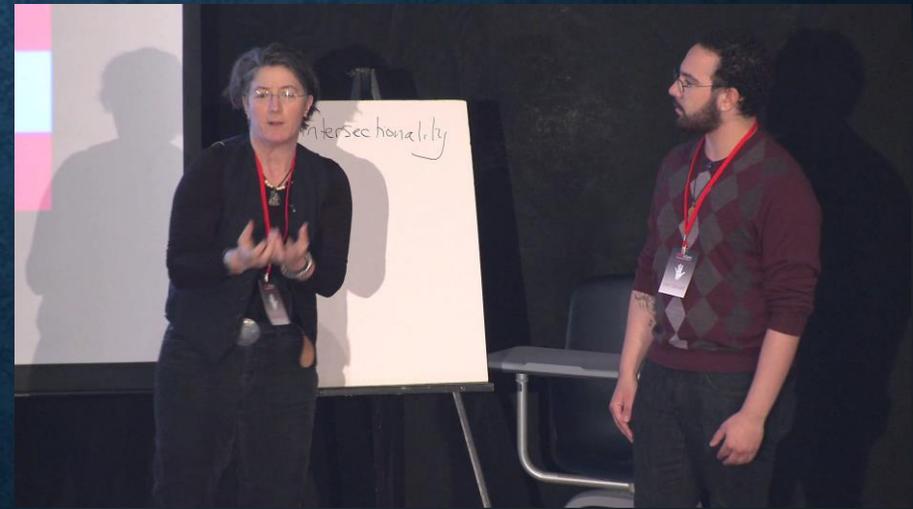
### Commercially Licensed Cooperative Kitchen (CLICK) Willimantic

- Local community education on global environmental issues

### Student Local Internship Setups

- Homeless Shelters
- Food Banks
- Small Farms

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# SPECIAL RECOGNITION

# DR. CAMERON FAUSTMAN & JILLIAN IVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION

## Huskies Ending Food Waste Initiative

- Lectures from Food Waste Experts
  - CT Waste Reduction Efforts
  - Sustainable Urbanization
  - British Perspective of Food Waste
- Tasty Waste Lunch



| HUSKIES ENDING FOOD WASTE    |   |
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| Tuesday<br>September<br>13   | <b>Close to Home: Connecticut-Based Efforts to Reduce Food Waste</b><br>Storrs Hall (Rooming), Lecture Hall WW16, 7:00pm<br>Jared Aronoff, President and CEO, FoodBank; Chelsea Box, Clinical Fellow, Aronoff Law School; Margaret Chang, Director of Operations and Compliance, Connecticut Farm Bureau; Dana Paine, Executive Director, UConn Dining Services |
| Tuesday<br>September<br>20   | <b>Sustainable Urbanization: The Future of Food</b><br>Dodd Center, Korozer Auditorium, 7:00pm<br>John M. Mendick, Co-Author, Food Futures; Chief Sustainability Officer, United Technologies   |
| Wednesday<br>September<br>21 | <b>Tasty Waste Lunch</b><br>Join us on Fairfield Way from 11:00am-1:30pm to enjoy a free lunch made exclusively from food that would have otherwise been wasted. Learn how you can join fellow Huskies to reduce food waste locally.<br>Walk Date: Friday, September 23   |
| Tuesday<br>November<br>15    | <b>Getting Real About Food Waste: The British Perspective</b><br>Lovel Hall Room 101, 4:00pm<br>Clare Treher and David Riggs, The Waste & Resources Action Programme (WRAP); Lee Foad (aka Waste), United Kingdom   |

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