



14th Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development Our Team



Kassandra Castillo Cruz

Kassandra Castillo Cruz is an entrepreneur who is proud of her Vieques, Puerto Rico roots. At 14 years, she joined the Vieques Youth Leadership Initiative and achieved her first dream as a top-fashion model and fashion designer. For VYLI's Job Shadow Day, Kassandra was matched with Ileana Cambó, former Ms. Puerto Rico and VP of L'Oreal. Kassandra helped develop VYLI's Entrepreneurship Initiative and exhibited at the 3rd Annual Caribbean Artisan Festival on Tortola, BVI. She received her Business Marketing Degree from Inter American University in Puerto Rico and spent a semester abroad at Spain Business School in Barcelona and studied swimwear design at Centro de Las Artes del Diseño y la Alta Costura. She then designed her own line of bathing suits and accessories. Kassandra became the first employee for the startup company Trendlee.com

which is now a \$5 million enterprise in New York City. Kassandra is the Head of Operations at Trendlee.com and Rebagg.com and leads a team of 20 people. Kassandra has served as the Institute's faculty at Youth Leadership Summits on Martha's Vineyard; led Entrepreneurship Workshops in Holyoke and assisted with Design Sustainable Hawaii Forum.



Kutasha Silva

Kutasha Silva is a Ph. D. candidate at the University of Illinois Urbana in Curriculum & Instruction. She is an educator, musician, and scholar who is passionate about innovative forms of education for K-12 students. From 2004-2007, Kutasha served as the Project Coordinator for Vieques Youth Leadership Initiative. She championed VYLI's Cultural Arts and Entrepreneurship Initiatives; tailored lesson plans using the Institute's book and curriculum; and co-facilitated weekly workshops. Kutasha was trained by the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship on Wall Street. Kutasha created VYLI's successful business on the Vieques boardwalk, selling t-shirts and homemade jewelry to tourists - offering teens a part-time income, and an opportunity to hone their entrepreneurial skills. As the 2017 Summit Co-

Director, Kutasha worked closely with Puerto Rican youth from Holyoke to envision their dreams for their lives, their community and the world. For the fall program, Kutasha works virtually with Holyoke youth using the Institute's Life-Planning Tools on TouchStone Leaders Platform.



Diana Margarita Emmanuelli is a Sustainability Consultant and the Social Media Coordinator for the Sustainable Education Toolkit App. Throughout her life, Diana has been very active in the ocean world. She started sailing at age 9 and worked her way up to be a certified race management official with World Sailing. In collaboration with Dr. Angel Yanagihara, Sea Grant Puerto Rico and The Smithsonian Institute, she is a researcher for box jellyfish investigations on Puerto Rico's coasts. After Hurricanes Irma and Maria, Diana designed Sailors Helping, a grassroots interactive online map to connect volunteers - often-times first-responders - with urgent relief efforts in Puerto Rico and the British Virgin Islands. Diana champions this invaluable resource connecting the sailing community with ongoing disaster relief projects. During Hurricane Irma, Diana served as the Logistics Coordinator for the Puerto Rican Navy. Diana was the Communications Director on the Board of Directors for the Puerto Rico Sailing Federation. She is certified in Federal Grant Writing, Placemaking, Social Media Marketing, and Race Management. Diana studied sustainability at the

University of Mayaguez Puerto Rico and is pursuing a degree in Sustainability and the Environment at Florida International University with a goal to continue to study environmental law and marine conservation.

Emerging Leaders



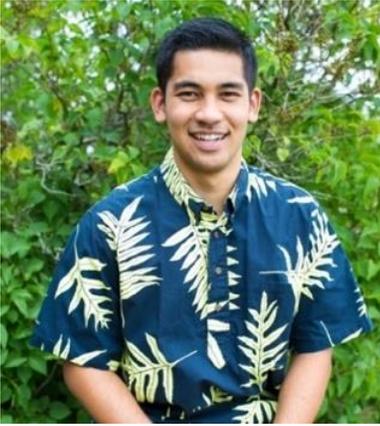
Chris Aring, Future Engineer & Educator

Chris is a sophomore at Olin College of Engineering, majoring in Computer & Electrical Engineering on a full scholarship. Chris served as a youth delegate to the Institute's 2015 Youth Leadership Summit where he was inspired by Gandhi's grandson and grounded his ideals in serving humanity. For his Senior Project, Chris helped create a Hack-a-Thon for the Stone Soup Leadership Institute's TouchStone Leaders Platform. For this "Design Weekend", we brought together college students from Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mt. Holyoke College and University of Massachusetts Lowell. With the team, they created a presentation deck and video for potential partners. An active member in the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative, Chris worked on Institute's Platform's Leadership Course BETA to use the stories and curriculum from *Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes* to teach the 21st century skills. As his online Sustainability-In-Action Project, Chris

designed an online system to match youth with volunteer opportunities with local non-profit organizations.



Eddie Rosado, Future Doctor is a Freshman at Keene State University. A Brazilian youth with the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative, Eddie created his own business, Bluffs. He is the first in his family to attend college.



Trevor Tanaka is a founding member of the Sustainable Hawaii Youth Leadership Initiative. He first served as a youth delegate to the Institute's Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development in 2011. He then envisioned the Sustainable Education Resolution #HCR 178 HD 1 SD 1 and championed it through passage. He now serves as the Sustainability Coordinator for the Sustainable Education Toolkit App, a global model to connect youth, educators, business and community to build a sustainable world. Trevor graduated from Chapman University in 2017. He served as an Emerging Leader to the 2016 Youth Leadership Summit.

Videos: <https://youtu.be/E6JFbqCYbWM>

Sustainable Forum Hawaii Island: <https://youtu.be/GmaSI1zQePA>



Marianne Larned is the Executive Director of the Stone Soup Leadership Institute. She is the author of educational series, *Stone Soup for the World: Life-Changing Stories of Everyday Heroes*. In 1997, she founded the Stone Soup Leadership Institute to develop educational books, tools, and training programs to prepare the next generation of leaders to address the economic, environmental and social challenges of the 21st century. She's custom-designed multicultural leadership and green workforce development programs on seven islands in three countries (Hawaii, Martha's Vineyard, Virgin Gorda, BVI, Vieques, Puerto Rico) and U.S. inner cities of Holyoke, Oakland, Baltimore, Cincinnati. She received her education at Rudolf Steiner International Center, Scotland and the University of Massachusetts and a Masters in Organizational Development at Boston University. She's traveled to 47 islands to learn from those on the front lines of global climate change and economic equity. She's grateful to the Providence community for embracing the Institute as its East Coast hub for the TouchStone Leaders Platform.



Chris Brown, Project Manager, TouchStone Platform

Chris is an experienced designer and product professional that creates compelling user experiences for consumers and business audiences alike. Specializing in early stage software initiatives of any kind, he brings a thoughtful and collaborative approach to problem solving. The mission of Touchstone resonated instantly with him - why *not* bring awareness, opportunity and a sense of purpose about climate change to the very generation that will be confronting it head on their lifetimes. Chris has lead a design teams at multiple startups focusing on consumer lending. At BillFloat, he created online and retail experiences that provide lending alternatives to the 60 million Americans without access to affordable credit. At Pillow Homes, Chris led the creation of a tech-driven marketplace which allowed renters, land lords and property owners manage short-term rentals with transparency. He believes user empathy is at the core of every successful product. Chris has helped every company engage & understand their users by contributing to or leading design thinking and research initiatives. With degrees in Instructional Technology and a Master in Fine Arts, he can acknowledge technology trends while incorporating creativity and human factors into product development teams. Chris built online classrooms & educational media for university professors and K-12 educators across the state of Illinois.

