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CLIMATE ACTION IN HUMBOLDT, CA

Cultivating Civic Minded College Leaders

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23-24 AY Cohort
Serving the North Coast



INTRODUCTION

College Corps has empowered me to pursue both my educational and career aspirations, while also nurturing my development as a leader in climate action. I have forged meaningful connections with diverse local nonprofit organizations, integrating myself more deeply into the broader community. College Corps has provided me with opportunities to address a range of climate challenges, with an emphasis on waste reduction and the cultivation of community gardens.



Zero Waste Humboldt Team Tabling at North Coast Co-Op 50th Anniversary August 2024

ABOUT ME

I am passionate about environmental and social justice. I have worked with Green Campus for the past two years as the EcoReps Coordinator. I became a College Corps fellow to extend my climate action impact outside of Cal Poly Humboldt into the local North Coast community. In May 2024, I will graduate with a bachelors in Environmental Science.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service January 2024 at Freshwater Farms Reserve with NCCGC and volunteers

“Action on behalf of life transforms....As we work to heal the Earth, the Earth heals us.”
~Robin Kimmerer

ACTION WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

ZERO WASTE HUMBOLDT

Promoted zero waste education and policies, created social media content, conducted waste audits, sorted event waste, managed Facebook “No Buy Group”, and fundraised money.

NORTH COAST COMMUNITY GARDEN COLLABORATIVE

Built pathways, installed fences, and planted edible species at Freshwater Farms. Removed invasive species at Henderson and transplanted native species at Abuelita’s garden.

POTAWOT COMMUNITY FOOD GARDEN

Pruned fruit trees, removed invasive species, and mulched paths.



CONCLUSION

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have been a fellow of the 2nd cohort of College Corps. The dedication of local community organizations, College Corps leaders, and fellows has fueled my passion for civic service, particularly in climate action. Moving forward, I am committed to bolstering ecosystem resilience and promoting traditional ecological knowledge through environmental restoration. I look forward to seeing how College Corps evolves.



Lloyd the Local Worm Guy, Izzy and I at North Country Fair September 2023; the green team helped to divert 880 gallons of compostable material from landfill!