

## Orientation Presentation Outline | Sustainability

5 minutes

Hi, I'm Margo Pengilly, I'm a Sustainability Assistant at the Office of Sustainability. I bet the word 'sustainability' makes you think of things like recycling or composting or energy & water conservation. Turning off the water when you brush your teeth or turning off the lights when you leave the room. These are important!

But sustainability is more than that. It's how we **interact** with our environment, and how our choices impact **people**. It's how we treat **each other**. And how we make choices that are **good for our world** and support us **economically**.

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Here are a few ways that students get involved in our office.

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Events! Like Clean the Stream or [Click](#) Bike Jam or [Click](#) the state's largest clean-up, Creek Week. [Click](#) We have an on-campus Farm. [Click](#) And places to bike, hike on campus. [Click](#) Clubs like Students for Environmental Awareness and Sustainability. [Click](#) And, all students have unlimited access to the Mountain Metro city bus. Just swipe your student ID and ride anywhere for free.

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We have some **amazing** students, faculty and staff. They have hosted documentary screenings, manage our trails on campus, give funds for sustainable projects, and encourage you to Espresso Yourself by bringing your own coffee mug when you buy coffee on campus. Each of us is a face of sustainability, and here are a few students from UCCS.

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**Stephanie Cantu**- Graduated May 2018

Worked at the S.O.L.E. Center here on campus, and helped clean and maintain our trail system in the bluffs behind campus. Whether you're here for the day or weekend, I suggest getting out on the bluffs. The views are amazing!

**Jaymee Collins**

Currently working in the office and manages the cardboard collection program that saved the University \$20K+ in 2018

**Thomas McDonald**-

Received a Computer Science major, which may not seem like a degree correlated with sustainability but

He actually conducted data analysis for zero waste program and building energy dashboard – influenced our educational campaigns

**And That's me!**

Sustainability Minor – supports my Business Marketing degree that will allow me to stand out in professional careers

I am a junior and I started working for the office of sustainability just this year

I have learned so many new things and gained such valuable experiences just in the last semester that I wish I would have gotten involved earlier in my education

My advice to you is, if you are interested in sustainability, do not wait to get involved, come visit our office as soon as you can to learn about the many ways you can expand your knowledge and experience

**Mauricio Soriano** is a fellow employee at the OoS

Before he worked there, Mauricio volunteered for the UCCS Farm which gave him hands on experience towards his biology degree

**Alex Greanias**-Graduated December 2018

Member of the Green Action Fund committee – oversaw over \$400,000 worth of student-initiated projects that positively impacted UCCS

**Emily Garberding**-Graduated May 2018

Senator of Sustainability - Wrote bills for GAF and transportation – she's the reason you have a bus pass today

Interned at Peak Alliance for Sustainable Future – opportunities within the City

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As you can see from these examples, UCCS is a strong environmental leader, but there's always more work to be done. So, please **notice the buildings and landscape. Make recommendations and initiate change** during your 4 years. **We have incredible power as students.**

We encourage you to get involved and become next year's Faces of Sustainability! Again, welcome to UCCS and have a wonderful rest of your day!

# **Sustainability at UCCS**

Kimberly Reeves  
Sustainability Programs Manager





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- FLOOD CONTROL & GREENWAY DISTRICT -



## UCCS Farm

EAT FARM-FRESH PRODUCE every Tuesday and Wednesday at FOOD NEXT DOOR in Café 65!

Want to learn more? Volunteer with us at [uccs.edu/farm](http://uccs.edu/farm)



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TO THE ELDERLY AND  
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ABAJO DE ESTOS ASIENTOS.

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# **Faces of Sustainability**

# Stephanie Cantu

Geography & Environmental Studies Major +  
Sustainable Development Minor | Grad: May 2018

S.O.L.E. Center

(Student Outdoor Learning Experience)

## Student Employee |

- Trip Leader for rafting, climbing, backpacking, paddle boarding, & skydiving trips throughout CO & UT

## Trails |

- Hired as crew member building & maintaining UCCS trails
- Promoted to Student Trails Program Coordinator supervising a weekly trail crew, organizing volunteer days, working with GPS equipment & GIS to create maps of the trails
- Emerging Leader Scholar for the International Trails Symposium 2017

## Faces of Sustainability



Stephanie Cantu

## Faces of Sustainability

# Jaymee Collins

Communications Major + Creative Writing Minor |  
Grad: May 2021

### Office of Sustainability |

- Worked in the Office since second semester freshman year
- Manages cardboard collection program that saved the University over \$20,000 last year and recycled 54 tons of cardboard
- Engages in opportunities to train and expand management, leadership, and professional skills



Jaymee Collins

# Thomas McDonald

Computer Science | Grad: May 2019

## Office of Sustainability |

- Worked in the Office Fall 2016-18
- Conducted data analysis for zero waste program and building energy dashboard
- Managed and improved Office website
- Attended international zero waste conference and implemented ideas to improve UCCS zero waste

## Faces of Sustainability



Thomas McDonald

## Faces of Sustainability

### Margo Pengilly

Bachelor of Innovation – Business Marketing Major + Sustainable Development Minor | Grad: May 2020

#### Office of Sustainability |

- Manages Office communication outlets
- Innovating a new program to increase sustainability throughout departments via a network of Green Teams

#### Sustainable Development Minor |

- Cross-disciplinary applications that will allow her to stand out in professional careers



Margo Pengilly

# Mauricio Soriano

Biology Major | Grad: May 2020

## Office of Sustainability |

- Manages Zero Waste campaigns and initiatives on campus to reduce contamination
- Created “Shower Tunes” – a Spotify, playlist version of shower timers to reduce water use

## UCCS Farm Volunteer |

- Managed Farm Stand during summer months
- Assisted Farm staff to maintain a one acre farm with a 3,000 sq ft greenhouse, bees, fruit trees, composting, and produce

## Faces of Sustainability



Mauricio Soriano



## Faces of Sustainability

# Alex Greanias

Bachelor of Innovation – Business Marketing |  
Grad: Dec. 2018

### Green Action Fund |

- 2015 – Vice Chair; 2016-2018 - Chair
- From 2015-2018, oversaw \$400,000 worth of student-initiated projects that positively impacted UCCS
- Successfully recruited and retained a committee of 15 students
- Successfully lead student committee through renewal vote to ensure future students have same funding opportunities to turn their theoretical proposals into lasting legacies on campus
- Attended 3 conference and presented at one



Alex Greanias

## Faces of Sustainability

### Emily Garberding

Geography & Environmental Studies Major +  
Sustainable Development Minor | Grad: May 2018

#### Peak Alliance for Sustainable Future |

- Interned for local, nonprofit to increase awareness for sustainability in Colorado Springs

#### SGA Senator of Sustainability |

- Wrote bills for Green Action Fun & Safety and Transportation Fee – reasons why all students have unlimited access to the Mountain Metro city bus

#### SEAS – Students for Environmental Awareness & Sustainability |

- Organized Energy Transitions Week to teach students about alternative energy



Emily Garberding

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