



Green Ambassador Institute

Green Education to Grow Sustainable Schools & Communities



Green Ambassadors Institute

- Earn Graduate CE credits through **UCLA Extension** while learning how to use the environment as the context for interdisciplinary learning that connects students to their campus and community
- Benefit from **one-on-one coaching** sessions that will help you develop an authentic environmental learning program that fits your unique goals, needs and class structure and implement green projects on campus
- See the difference that **professional development** sessions can make for your team or organization

Teachers, Administrators & Community Leaders Learn to....



- Connect curriculum, programs, principles & practices to sustainability
- Provide fun, hands-on project-based learning experiences
- Foster student leadership through service learning
- Enhance community involvement & partnerships on campus
- Implement green projects that allow students to learn from and interact with their campus

Classes taught by Sara Laimon, creator and founder of Green Ambassadors, a program of Environmental Charter High School, along with community partners that have helped facilitate successful Green Ambassador programs

Classes include access to standards-aligned curriculum developed to incorporate Science, Math, English and Humanities as it creates active, engaged citizens and leaders

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2011 Class Offerings



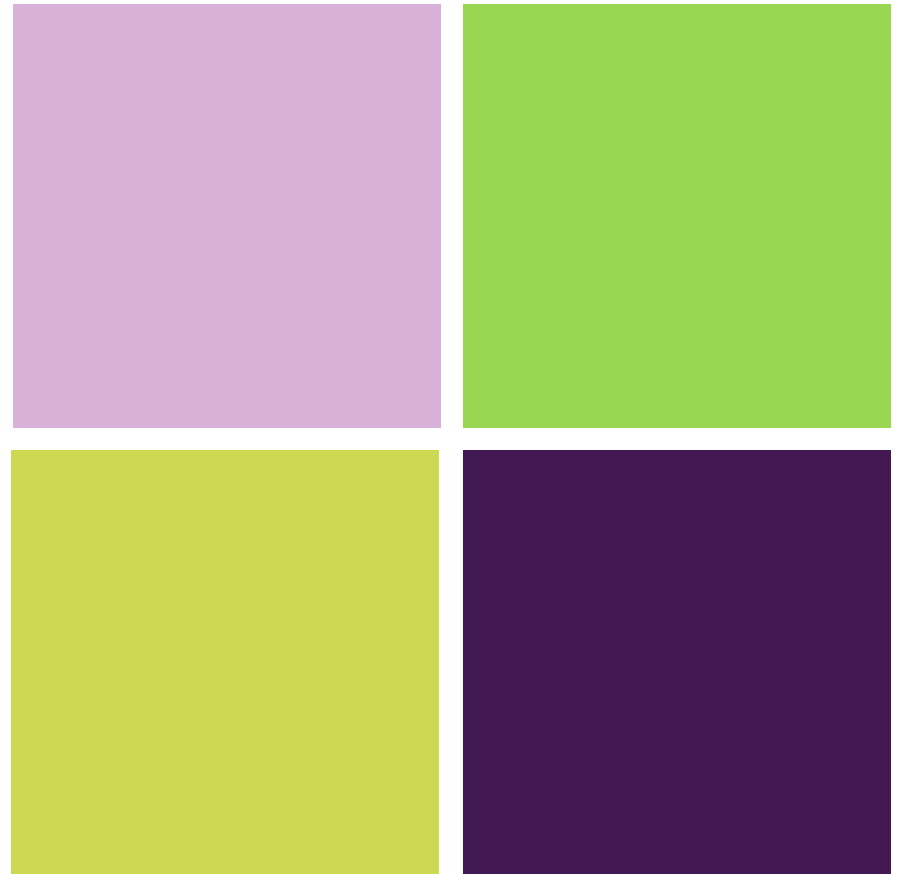
UCLA Extension

Education Extension

- 1 Green Ambassadors 1**
Methods to Teach Sustainability & Create Active Citizens (4 units)
January 27 & 28, 2011 | March 3&4, 2011
- 2 Recycled Art, Design & Architecture**
Teaching Sustainability through Community Partnerships with reDiscover
(1 unit)
January 28 & 29, 2011
- 3 Strengthening Student Voices with Rise Above Plastics**
Teaching Sustainability through Community Partnerships with Surfrider
Foundation (1 unit)
May 6 & 7, 2011

“ After being in this program I feel confident knowing that what I do makes a difference and confident that change will happen.”

Matt Dang, Green Ambassador Student



About Green Ambassadors

Green Ambassadors at ECHS



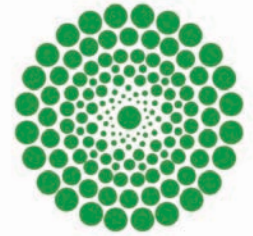
Since instituting Green Ambassadors, Environmental Charter High School students have been more engaged in the curriculum and connected with each other, we have also seen improvements in:

- Student achievement
- Attendance
- Discipline
- Attitude
- Culture
- Test Scores
- Benchmark Assessments

“ I was resistant towards the green movement because it seemed so pessimistic. Through Green Ambassadors, I learned about positive solutions...These solutions illuminated my mind. I now have a vision, to lead and inspire people to live a life that coincides with the planet.”

-Jordan Howard, Green Ambassador

The Green Ambassadors Difference



Traditional Learning

Green Ambassadors

Success is Defined
by Test Scores

**Success Means Students are Empowered
to be Critical Thinkers and Leaders**

Subjects are Separate
English is English, Math is Math

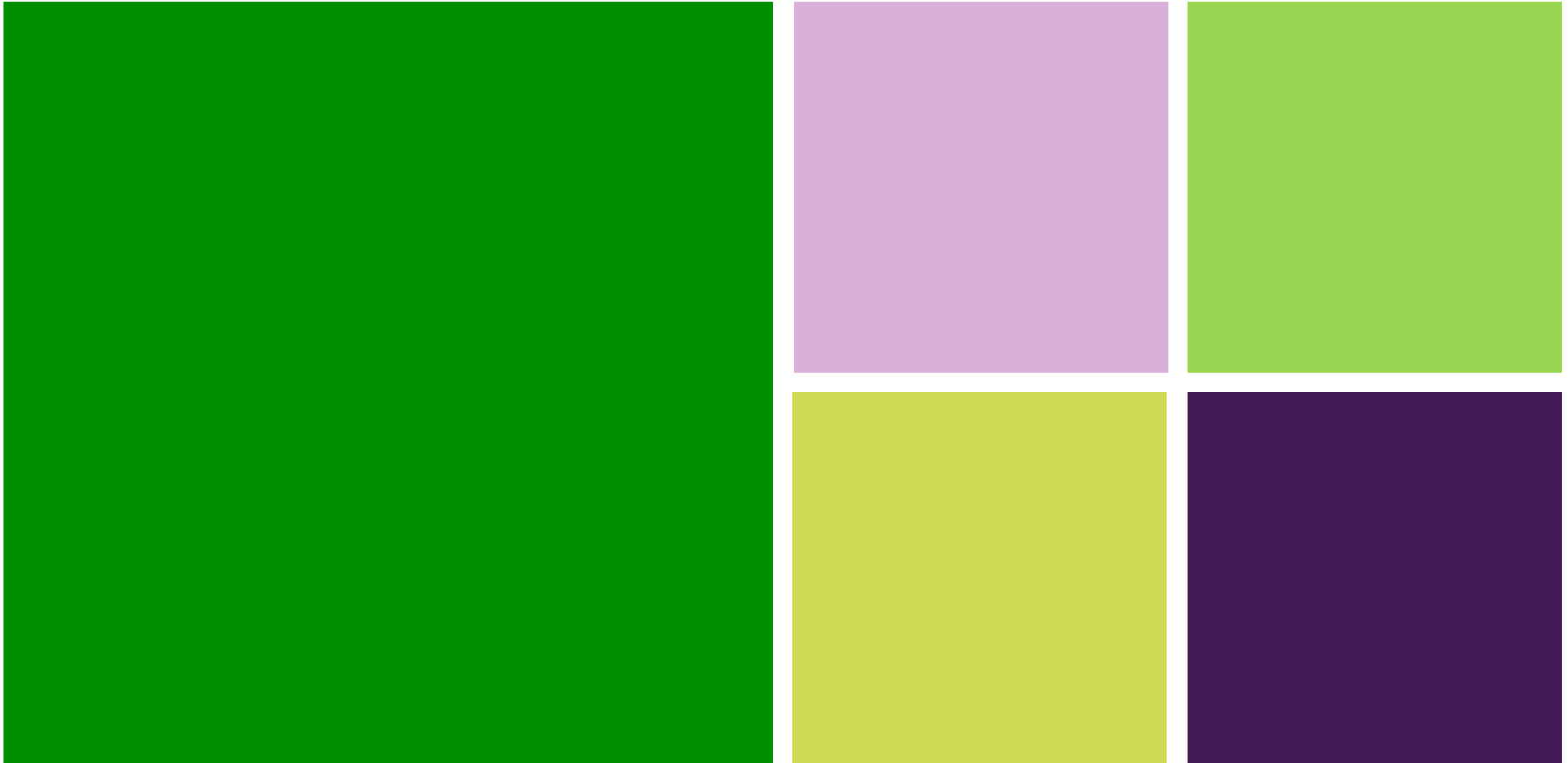
**All Subjects are Integrated,
Just Like Real Life**

Only Some Graduates Meet
CA State Entry Requirements

**All Meet CA State Entry
Requirements**

Teachers

Facilitators



California Green
Ambassador School
Highlights

Abraham Lincoln High School



“Thanks to this program, I can speak in front of crowds and train my community in simple, do-able solutions. Look at me!”

- Inez Vara, 10th grader,

SF Youth Unity's EcoFest in front of 500 people!

Highlights

- Participated in hands-on environmental education and local field trips throughout the year
- Implemented campus-wide composting
- Threw a school-wide Earth Day celebration where students developed interactive presentations for their school community.

Impact

More than 200 students representing a diverse cross section of ALHS's student body (9th – 12th graders; Green Academy members; APES students; ELL Economics students) presented to 500+ of their peers, administration and teachers throughout a 2 day teach-in festival of earth-friendly action. Local news, environmental non-profits and community supporters attended.

Future

The Green Academy will continue to grow and flourish at ALHS. The cultural shift of increased ecological literacy has tremendous momentum! We've recently been awarded a grant for \$100,000 to Green the Schoolyard!

Chino Hills High School



Highlights

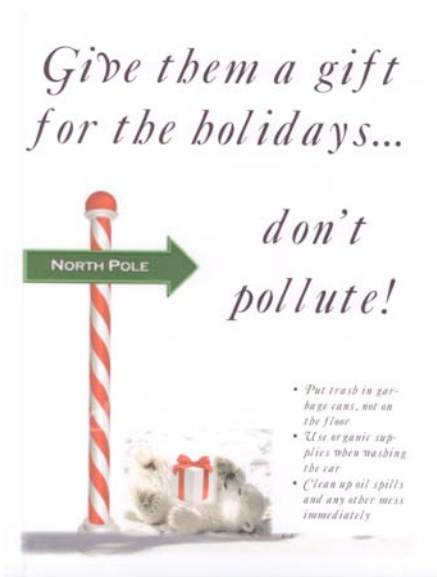
- Green Holiday Media Campaign: Students prepared an ad campaign to encourage students to celebrate an eco-friendly holiday the week before winter break
- Environmental Survey: Students surveyed their school body using surveys they created to assess the level of environmental awareness and determine areas for improvement
- Green Ribbon Week: Students planned and ran a week of “green” events, including games, recycling for music, and a pledge to take on one new green behavior

Impact

Students became more aware of the environment and the small actions each person can take to save it. They realized the importance of facts and data and set goals to increase awareness in the coming years. The Green Ambassadors also learned the role responsibility and follow-through have on executing an event.

Future

Thanks to the Green Ambassadors program, next year we will launch a Green Academy and have a Green Ambassadors dedicated class. We will begin the year by co-hosting with ASB a week of “green” activities, culminating in a rally called “Huskies go green . . . and blue.” We are in negotiations with the Husky Highlights to increase student awareness of global environmental issues through “Eco Man” segments.



Santiago High School



“Earth Day was a great experience because we were able to engage younger students and teach them how they can make a difference in the world.”

- Richard Garcia



Highlights

- All APES students participated in the Green Ambassadors program where they became experts on environmental issues, participated in environmental community service and helped with school gardening, composting and recycling projects.
- Earth Day Event: Green Ambassadors hosted 200 Orange Elementary students for an Earth Day Event during which they delivered presentations on sustainable living, engaged students in hands-on activities and gave the student something to take home (including planted vegetables and vermicompost bins). The photography class joined to document the event and evaluate the student's presentations.

Impact

More than 100 students earned full credit for the Green Ambassadors activities. Student's efforts raised \$1,000 through our recycling program and expanded our campus garden. Our Earth Day event connected us with a potential sponsor for increased activity in the 2010 school year.

Future

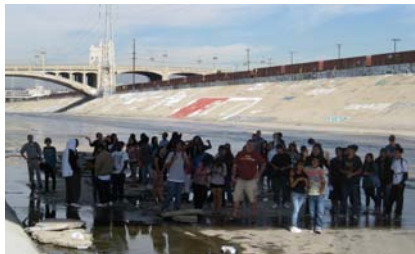
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Venice High School



“It was so fun to talk with the little kids and teach them about how different plants help each other in the garden. Everyone got a tomato and a marigold seedling to plant in their own gardens.”

- Richard Garcia



Highlights

- 60 10th graders joined Friends of the LA River for a tour of the LA and lunch at the HomeGirl Café.
- Students worked with a professional chef to host a community feast using the fall from our school's garden.
- CASAA students performed a Plastic Waste Audit on campus and dramatized the problem using the Chico Bag Monster for a fundraiser at the Mar Vista Farmers' Market.
- Students hosted more than 250 elementary and middle school at our Earth Day Festival, where they lead students through a tour of the Learning Garden and informational booths they had prepared on environmental health issues.

Impact

All students in the CASAA academy participated in the Green Ambassadors program and activities, which gave them a chance to shine in front of their peers and community.. Our Earth Day Festival had a great turnout!

Future

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Thomas Jefferson High School



- 100 students collaborated with 2 CSULA classes; including discussions on environmental issues and college; support from CSULA student on presentations and collaboration on CSULA's Engineering Department for National Lab Day
- 210 students worked with 12 neighbors and Common Vision to plant a variety of fruit trees in neighbor's yards and students hosted 4th graders from Ascot Elementary for Common Vision's assembly at Jefferson High.
- 100 Students joined local non-profit, Root Down LA for weekly whole food cooking classes and then prepared healthy, local foods for 10 event at school; students recruited their parents to participate in a "Mystery Lunch Box Cooking Challenge" and students visited McGrath Family farms.
- 200 students joined family and community members, LA City Council and the Mayor's office for a Heal the Bay, Heal the Hood event. 100 bags of trash were collected and 11 houses planted native gardens.

Will Rogers Middle School



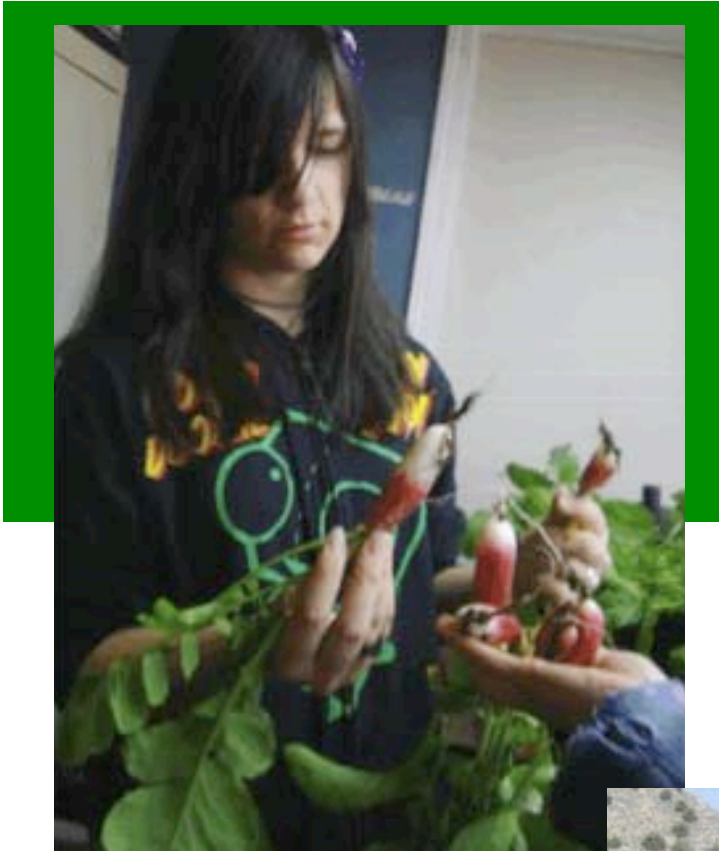
“Our class, we are like scientists. We were able to take H₂O samples and use special research tools.”

- Richard Garcia

- In partnership with the Air & Waste Management and Target Foundation, students participated in a school-wide Landfill Stenciling Campaign on campus
- Students sampled and tested water at their local creek then worked with the media team to create a PSA on how to protect local creeks
- Independent Living students shopped on a budget at ECO Thrift recycled clothing and hosted the first annual textile fashion show for peers and partners.
- Science students hosted an Earth Day Fair where they showed off their 'Count Down to Earth Day' booklets, presentation boards, interactive demonstrations and multimedia presentations to peers and community members.
- Students learned about and educated others regarding plastics' impacts through presentations and creative displays.



Crosswalk Charter High School



- Students implemented a school-wide paper and beverage container recycling program, which helped to raise funds for the program
- Students started an indoor container-garden
- Students took a weekend trip to Quail Springs Permaculture Farm
- Science and English students worked across discipline to prepare presentations for an Earth Day event

