

Appalachian Energy Summit

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

The University of North Carolina Energy Leadership Challenge

Student Panel

Thursday, July 18, 9:45 am – 10:45 am

Name

Affiliation

Caroline Hansley

NC State University

Caroline is a candidate to graduate in May of 2014 with a Bachelor's in Interdisciplinary Studies. She is a fellow for the North Carolina Student Energy Network, the Founder of Fossil Free NC State, and the first Student Coordinator for the new State Stewards program. Last year she created the campaign to establish a Sustainability Fund at NC State. With Fossil Free NC State, she works with UNC System Administrators to run a renewable energy campaign. Caroline is also a Udall Scholar.

Derek Strong

UNC Greensboro

Derek is pursuing a MA in Economics and plans to stay an extra semester past his graduation date of December 2013 to take some PhD courses. He is a member the Triad Student Energy Alliance, which is dedicated to promoting clean energy solutions on campus. Derek completed his undergraduate studies at UNC Asheville and graduated in December 2010. There, he worked as the Energy and Water Coordinator at the Student Environmental Center where he researched and implemented energy (and water) efficiency projects. He did similar work on campus for a year after graduating as part of a grant-funded project. Additionally, he was a member of the student groups Active Students for a Healthy Environment and the Campus Garden Crew.

Linda Toth

Appalachian State University

Linda is a candidate to graduate in December 2013 with a MS in Appropriate Technology. She holds a BS in Landscape Architecture from Ohio State. She works with the Office of Sustainability at Appalachian State as a Graduate Assistant helping to lead the Zero Waste Initiative. Through this position she manages student volunteers for the football tailgating recycling program in addition to a group of eight interns. She has also been a representative on the Graduate Student Association Senate and involved with the Appalachian Solar Club.

Ray Atkinson**UNC Charlotte**

Ray graduated from UNC Charlotte in May 2013 with a BS in Geography, a Community and Regional Planning Concentration, and an Urban Studies Minor. As a student, he was the Founder and President of the Cyclists Club, Co-Chair of the Charlotte Green Initiative, Founder and President of the Geography Club, Co-Founder and Member of the Parking and Transportation Advisory Board, Inaugural Member of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Advisory Board, Inaugural Eco-Rep of the Eco-Reps Program, and Student Senator for his college from 2010-2012.

Doug Stiegler**UNC Chapel Hill**

Doug is a rising junior studying business at UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School, planning to graduate in 2015. He is Co-Chair of UNC's Renewable Energy Special Projects Committee (RESPC). RESPC allocates student fee revenue to renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy education projects on campus. He also actively works with the undergraduate chapter of Net Impact, focusing on sustainable business and the triple bottom line.