

Student Award Celebration: Virtual Event

Welcome and Introductions: Joel

May 21, 2021 1-2PM EST (if possible can you join at 12:50)

Zoom link: <https://NewSchool.zoom.us/j/7937536986>

TEDC Attendees: Mike, Adrienne, Anna, Mariana (RA), Daniela Lam (RA)

Student Award Recipients Attending:

Genesis Abreu, Devin Hentz, Kaija Xiao, Daniela Lam, Ledah Finck, Ashley Lituma, Anjali Nair, Miriam Young, Zainab Koli, Potentially others as well

Welcome and Thank you Statement: Joel Towers

Introduce yourself:

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Ask Participants::

If you could all take a moment to put in the chat your name, pronouns, and where you are.

I just wanted to take a few moments to congratulate you! And thank you for your hard work and commitment to your studies, to the university and especially to justice on campus and beyond. This is the fourth year the Tishman Center has awarded student support grants for their own projects around sustainability, environment and justice. And we love being able to do this. This year we gave out \$12,000 to 15 students to support their work. For example we gave Kaija Xiao and Genesis Abreu from Milano an award for their food sovereignty and land project. We gave the Bergamot Quartet made up of Ledah Finck, Sarah Thomas, Amy Tan and Irene Han from Mannes School of Music an award for their project titled *Slow Movement: a musical exploration of tempo in the fashion industry*. And we gave Anya Andrews from NSSR an award for their project titled *A Luta Continua Dialogues: The Struggle Continues*, along with awards to 6 other projects.

This has been a hard year for many of us. And I bet a difficult year to graduate. We've seen a global pandemic fundamentally change how we live and many lives lost, we're experiencing a reckoning with America's longstanding racist culture and past and an increasing threat from climate change. Still we see so many examples of folks, especially young people, rising to the occasion and leading with love. Completing the work you have as a part of this award is nothing to take lightly, and we are all incredibly encouraged and inspired by your commitment to environmental and climate justice. It is exciting to see that students all over the school are centering justice in their studies and research, and we are hoping that this celebration will provide a space for you to come together from across school disciplines and see your work intertwine.

Once again thank you, and I will now pass it along to Mike who has a few things to say.