

# 2011-2012 USGBC Students National Chairs Selected

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We would like to congratulate the 12 leaders who will work with USGBC National to grow the USGBC Students program.

USGBC STUDENTS NATIONAL CHAIRS will work as integral leaders of USGBC Students with a focus on overseeing the development, implementation, management and growth of the program nationally. They will build a movement that will result in large-scale sustainability projects on college campuses and communities as well as impact a large number of students to pursue careers in the green building and sustainability industry. Our 12 National chairs were chosen for their experience, diverse backgrounds, work ethic, and most importantly their passion and commitment for sustainability and students. Please help us welcome:

**Andrea Ruedy Trimble:** *Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York*

Andrea Ruedy Trimble is Senior Program Manager of the Green Building Service program at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Andrea has gained experience on over sixty LEED projects, is a member of Harvard's Green Building Standards sub-committee, and is co-owner and partner of Ecolutions Sustainability Consulting, LLP. Andrea volunteers as a member of the USGBC Massachusetts chapter's Education Committee, and has previously volunteered on the USGBC's Curriculum Committee. She has taught as an Adjunct Professor of Architecture at Wentworth, Boston Architecture College, and has held Teaching Fellow and Guest Lecturer positions in Harvard's Extension School.

Andrea holds a Master of Science in Historic Preservation from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Architecture from Virginia Tech, as well as a Master of Liberal Arts in Sustainability and Environmental Management from the Harvard Extension School.

**Candace Say:** *Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri*

Candace currently works at SmithGroup, an architecture, engineering, interiors, and planning, firm. She is a member of the firm's national sustainability committee. Previously, Candace worked for the Interprofessional Projects Program at the Illinois Institute of Technology helping students develop teamwork and communication skills. While in college, Candace was involved in numerous student organizations. Candace took the LEED exam while in graduate school, and has been involved in numerous LEED projects and assisted in writing the LEED 2009 BD+C exam. Candace received her Bachelor of Science from Bowling Green State University and her Master of Architecture from Illinois Institute of Technology. In her spare time she enjoys working out and reading.

**Michele Perez:** *California, Hawaii*

Michelle Perez is a Sustainability Analyst for UC San Diego Auxiliary Plant Services, Building Commissioning and Sustainable Operations Department. Michelle serves as the advisor for the UC San Diego USGBC Student Group. Michelle is a LEED AP, with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering and Master of Education in Cross-Cultural Teaching. Michelle has served as a Naval Officer, AmeriCorps Service Member, and a high school teacher in science, math, and engineering.

Two of Michelle's favorite things are running and hiking. She visits the Sierras, has volunteered in Nepal, and hopes to one day hike Mount Everest.

**Crystal Coppinger:** *Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana*

Crystal Coppinger is a registered architect at Negrete & Kolar Architects in Austin, Texas, where she heads their LEED and sustainable efforts on projects. Crystal attended Texas A&M University where she earned a Bachelor of Environmental Design. She obtained her Master of Architecture degree with a Specialization in Sustainable Design from the University of Texas in Austin. She became a LEED AP in 2004 and has joined the credential maintenance program with a specialty in Building Design and Construction.

Outside of work, Crystal enjoys spending time with her wonderful husband and dog, and checking on the progress of her budding vegetable garden.

**William Marshall Brown:** *Indiana, Ohio, Michigan*

William Brown currently serves as the Director of Sustainability at Indiana University. He also teaches Sustainable Communities in the I.U. School of Public & Environmental Affairs. Bill has applied his passion for sustainable design to green public schools and libraries, including Indiana's first net-zero-energy library. Bill was the first student member of the AIA Committee on the Environment, and later served as a member of the Greening of the White House and Educating Architects for a Sustainable Environment national task groups. He was awarded an AIA Presidential Citation in 1993. Bill was later founding president of Sustainable Evansville, which engaged high school students in design and construction of green building demonstration projects.

He served as Chair of the US Green Building Council's Indiana Chapter, Secretary of AIA Indiana, and Co-chair of the Indianapolis-Marion County Green Commission.

**Jill Bellenger:** *Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, District of Columbia*

Jill is a member of USGBC High Performance Green Schools Team, and has taught a diverse group of undergraduate architecture and landscape architecture students in the Sustainable Futures program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Costa Rica. After obtaining a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from

architecture students in the Sustainable Futures program at Montverde Institute in Costa Rica. After obtaining a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse NY, she began promoting sustainable principles in both commercial and residential design. Jill also became the chairman and coordinator of her firm's Green Team. Currently, Jill is enrolled in the Sustainable MBA program at Green Mountain College. She has successfully carried on her coursework while volunteering, managing LEED and landscape design projects, and publishing sustainability-driven articles. She lives in Alexandria, VA with her husband.

**Rishi Tirupari:** *Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas*

Rishi Tirupari works at Rushing, an MEP and Sustainability firm in Seattle as a Sustainability Project Manager. Rishi is a Certified Sustainable Building Advisor and a LEED AP. He provides sustainability consulting and energy auditing to the leading firms around Seattle. He has his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Jawaharlal Nehru Technology University (JNTU) in Hyderabad, India as well as a Masters in Construction Management from University of Washington, Seattle. Rishi has been an active member of USGBC's Chapter - Cascadia Regional Green Building Council. He has served on the Steering Committee and was involved in the organization of the 2010 Living Future Sustainability Un-Conference. Periodically Rishi travels back home to India to share his knowledge of sustainability. He and a few classmates from JNTU Hyderabad have started a non-profit organization called Hyderabad Sustainability Institute. They are piloting recycling and waste management programs at these institutions.

**Sarah Easton:** *Kentucky, Tennessee*

Sarah came to USGBC Kentucky in 2007 because of her personal interest in and commitment to sustainability. She has been on the membership committee since 2008 and began contacting colleges and universities in Kentucky to promote the establishment of student chapters in 2010. She has a very strong interest in helping students involved in the built environment prepare for their professional lives. Sarah has a degree in music education. She has lived in Vancouver, British Columbia, San Francisco and Seattle (where she was a member of the Seattle Symphony Chorale) as well as the Louisville, KY area.

**Brandon T. Moore:** *Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona*

Brandon is a project management professional and consultant for a design/build firm in Las Vegas. As a green building consultant, Brandon has been the LEED AP on several LEED developments within a variety of sectors. Brandon is also an adjunct professor at UNLV and teaches interdisciplinary courses in Sustainable Planning, Design and Construction. At UNLV, Brandon was the faculty advisor of a USGBC Students Chapter. Brandon was awarded Adjunct Professor of the Year for the 2009-2010 school year. Brandon has an MBA from the Warrington College of Business Administration and Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Building Construction at the University of Florida. Brandon is a LEED AP with specialties in Building Design & Construction as well as Neighborhood Development.

Brandon and his wife Stacy live in Las Vegas, Nevada and can be found on most weekends enjoying National Parks in the West.

**David Troung:** *Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico, Mississippi, Arkansas*

David is the owner and president of DCT Designs, a freelance engineering and media arts design company. Prior, he was a junior engineer for a leading MEP Design firm, and then a district manager for a start-up GC company. David is very active in USGBC-South Florida Chapter, serving as a co-chair for Miami-Dade's Emerging Professionals. David attended Purdue University where he earned his Bachelor's in Civil and Structural Engineering with a minor in economics and a certificate in entrepreneurship and innovation. During college, he served as ambassadors for several student organizations, was a leader on the rowing and triathlon teams, and officer for Chi Epsilon—the civil engineering honorary fraternity. David helped design disaster-resilient homes in Haiti and a green home in Reynolds, IN (BioTown) for Habitat for Humanity, and founded a philanthropic group on campus known as Dance Marathon.

On the weekends, you can often find David training for his next triathlon, or enjoying one of the many beautiful beaches of South Florida.

**Marc Costa:** *California*

Marc is fulltime student at CSULB, and is expecting fall 2011 graduation with a B.S. in Construction Engineering Management. He holds a B.S. from UC San Diego in Management Science. Marc brings a dedication to sustainability in the areas of economic and workforce development, higher education, and nonprofit leadership. At Long Beach City College he has advanced the largest green jobs training program in the nation from inception to close-out. With USGBC, Marc participates on committees such as Emerging Professionals, is a founding member of the Long Beach Branch, founder of USGBC Students of CSULB, a current LA Chapter Board member, Pacific Regional Committee Representative, and USGBC Students National Advisory Working Group member.

**Naim Jabbour:** *Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland*

Naim is a full time faculty member in the architectural technology department at the Pennsylvania College of Technology. He's also involved in program review and serves as the USGBC Students Chapter advisor. Naim has more than seven years experience working as a project designer for a major architecture firm (PBK, Inc.) specializing in the design and construction of educational facilities. As a recent graduate student, Naim's studies were focused on high performance

buildings, energy efficiency, and sustainable design. Naim is a LEED Accredited Professional. He holds a Bachelor's of Architecture Degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and a Master's of Science Degree in Architecture from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

He lives in Williamsport, PA with his wife and two kids. Naim enjoys biking, skiing, swimming, and watching football.

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