



ZERO WASTE YOUTH USA

9TH ANNUAL CONVERGENCE

"Come Back Greener, Come Back Stronger"

October 09, 2021

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

9:30 AM Opening Remarks - Main Hall

9:40 AM Land Acknowledgement & Keynote Presentation - Main Hall

by Carla Marie Munoz, Tribal Councilwoman of the Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe

10:20 AM BREAK

10:30 - 11: 20 AM MORNING SESSIONS

1. Mobilizing for a Greener World, Global Session - Main Hall

- **Abishek Pradhan** | Communications Officer, *Zero Waste Himalaya* | India
- **Anna Masiello** | Founder, *R-Coat* | Portugal
- **Fausto Fabian Perez de Lara Lopez** | Activist, *Fridays for Future Guadalajara* | Mexico

2. Combating Park Pollution & Wildlife - Room 2

- **James Aliberti** | Interpretive Lead, *California State Parks*
- **Mark Rose** | Sierra Nevada Program Manager, *National Parks Conservation Association*

3. Building a Better World with Youth Activism - Room 3

- **Amber Chen** | Founder, *Anti-Racist Planet* | Youth Ambassador, *Plastic Pollution Coalition* | Senior @ *South Pasadena HS*
- **Devon Bradley** | President, *Miramonte Environmental Club* | Senior @ *Miramonte HS*
- **Eva Geierstanger** | Founder, *Plastic Free Gen Z* | Senior @ *Canyon Crest Academy HS*

11:20 AM - 1:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

12:00 PM Zero Waste Food Tips & Tricks with Hilary Michelle - Main Hall



1:00 PM - 1:50 PM MIDDAY SESSIONS

1. Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge Panel - Main Hall

- Moderator: **Abel Gomez PhD** | Postdoctoral Fellow, Native American Studies Department, *University of Oklahoma*
- **Carla Marie Muñoz** | Tribal Council Woman, *Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe*
- **Desiree Muñoz** | Tribal Liaison, *Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe*
- **Robin Meely** | Mother, teacher, student and basket weaver, *Navajo, Pomo, Choctaw and Coast Miwok*.

2. Product Stewardship in Action Panel - Room 2

- Moderator: **Kamryn Kubose** | *California Product Stewardship Council*
- **Nate Pelzcar** | Special Projects Manager, *California Product Stewardship Council*
- **Josh Simpson** | Co-Founder, *Little Kamper*
- **Courtney Scott** | Household Hazardous Waste Program Manager, *Zero Waste Sonoma*

3. Empowering and Educating the Next Generation: Zero Waste Schools - Room 3

- **Devin Jackson & Environmentally Concerned Kids Club** | *Foothill Middle School, Mt. Diablo Unified School District*
- **Esther Tang** | Environmental Education Coordinator, *San Francisco Department of the Environment*

1:50 PM BREAK

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM AFTERNOON SESSIONS

1. Zero Waste Youth Alumni Career Panel - Main Hall

- **Diedre Tanenberg** | Public Affairs Assistant Coordinator, *San Francisco Department of the Environment*
- **Emmanuel Nava** | Recycling Specialist II, *Castro Valley Sanitary District*
- **Jency James** | Sustainability Program Manager, *County of Alameda, Office of Sustainability*
- **Melissa Romero** | Legislative Affairs Manager, *California Environmental Voters*

2. Zero Waste Advocacy in College - Room 2

- **Maddie Wilson** | Undergraduate Student, *UCLA Sustainable Action Research*
- **Kyle Alves** | Sustainability Reporting & Outreach Coordinator, *UC Office of the President*
- **Young Grguras** | Campaign Director, *Post-landfill Action Network*
- **Sydney Perry** | Student Compost Specialist, *University of Arizona Compost Cats*

2:50 PM BREAK

3:00 - 3:30 PM Raffle & Closing Remarks