# 2012-2013 SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATE STUDENTS



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I spent my childhood actively playing in the outdoors: Sailing, Cross-country Skiing, Biking, and Scuba Diving. Later, I became

quite involved in the sport of Kiteboarding and was lucky enough to travel throughout the southern hemisphere training and competing during my Highschool years. These experiences, combined with work experience in Alberta's Tar Sands instilled a drive to explore sustainability issues when I began university. On my first day at UWO, I transferred out of the BMOS program and into Huron's Global Development stream, with the intent of pursuing an HBA dual degree.

In my first semester of university I was exposed to systems thinking approaches to sustainability, and continued to educate myself about the concept and it's history, both in the diverse range of courses I took, and on my own time. I have now developed a fairly strong understanding of the approach, and intend to study it explicitly at the Masters level, but face the problem that there is little formal recognition of my focus in the two undergraduate degrees I intend to earn. The Sustainability Certificate will allow me to show employers and Masters programs that I indeed do have some level of training in environmental issues. I believe that a strong foundation in social (Global Development Studies), financial (HBA), and environmental (Sustainability Certificate) will allow me to pursue my passion in my later education and career aspirations.



#### **RACHEL D'HOLLANDER**

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I was born and raised in Syracuse, New York and as a dual citizenship (Take out status) decided to move to Canada to attend university when I was 18. For the first two years of university my major and focus of studies has been in Political Science and

International Relations [IR]. My time in IR enabled me to gain a greater perspective of the global impact of decisions in business and government actions. In addition to academics, I also have been involved in Western's mentoring program and held positions in student organizations. In the recent summers I have worked as an assistant teacher to an urban-based summer school and taught my own class on Community Development.



JESSICA GREGORY HBA 2013

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I was born and raised in West Lorne, a Southwestern Ontario farm town of 1400 people. I grew up on a dairy farm and have had a passion for both food and animals for as long as I can

remember. I grew up surrounded by rescued animals, farm animals, my family, and food. My upbringing led me to enroll at Brescia in the Nutrition and Dietetics program, with plans to eventually work within the agriculture and food industry. During my first year I fell in love with Business1220, which opened doors into a world I had never considered before. This passion eventually led me to Ivey.



## TOM HANSEN

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I was born and raised in Calgary before moving east. Over the past 3.5 years I have been studying chemical engineering and business and I plan to graduate with my dual degree next year. Beyond my studies, I love travelling and have been fortunate enough visit over 20 countries. My father and my employment (there is a relation), has been in conventional

oil exploitation and production. Although I enjoyed my work I have always had a conflict of interest working for hydrocarbon producers. I am particularly passionate about environmental sustainability and plan to have a career in that field.



### PABLO HENNIQUE

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I was brought up in Mexico City, and have been lucky enough to travel, study, and work in several locations around Europe and North America including France, Spain and Mexico. These experiences have made me who I am today and have granted me a global perspective along with stronger interpersonal skills. I like to think that my positive attitude and

strong work ethic helped me earn a spot in one of the best business schools in Canada and allowed me to successfully lead both a team of cold callers for a marketing job and a student run organization which main focus is to raise awareness for Latin America.



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I'm an ambitious, driven fourth year student at the Richard Ivey School of Business, pursuing a dual degree with Health Science. After completing a year at Ivey, I knew that I did not want to follow a traditional career path. I want to be able to wake up

every day knowing that I am creating positive change and making a valuable contribution to society. Through my role managing the Discovery Series with Nspire Innovation Network, a student-run NPO dedicated to building strategic leaders, I have ran events geared towards inspiring and empowering fellow students to step out of the box with me and challenge the possibilities.



#### **CHRIS JANSSEN**

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I have a very strong interest in corporate social responsibility and sustainability. I have been involved with social venture projects throughout my entire life including co-founding my own organization called Textbooks for Change. I am currently the Internal Director of Ivey

Connects, a community outreach program that connects business students with local charities. I strive to make a difference and make an impact as much as I can. All in all, I want the world to be a better place because I was here.



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Born in Sri Lanka, raised in Canada, it no wonder that I have an affinity for travel. Having spent time in more than 10 different countries, I truly believe that education is not just something one receives from a school. I started my education in Toronto's east end where I was raised in a community linked together by a sports program that every individual was involved in. As a result, I firmly believe in the power of a community to

shape one's values, beliefs and dreams. Where I am today, a student of the Ivey School of Business, is a facet of my community. I want to use my education to affect change in poverty development across the world.



### KAYLA KOZAN

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A born and raised prairie girl, I transferred to Ivey this fall after being granted a gracious full-ride scholarship for my community and extracurricular involvement in Regina. With a love for travel and a

curiosity for culture, I have big dreams to explore the world. I am a social media enthusiast fascinated by instant news, blogs and twitter. I want to utilize my creative ideas to change the way people view business and add a unique value to every project I undertake. I also love potlucks, road trips, live music, or any combination thereof.



### CHRIS LAU

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I am originally from Vancouver, but came to Western University to study political science. After learning about different political systems around the world, some which did very little for the poorest

people of their country, I became interested in international development. Last summer, I travelled to Kenya with Free the Children and saw the impact of a non-profit organization with a solid development approach as well as strong business strategy, where money was fundraised and spent well, and the impact they had on the surrounding communities. This led me to pursue business at Ivey to combine with my interests in international development.



#### **ANITA LEE**

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I spent my first two of university in the Media, Information and Technoculture (MIT) program and it is my passion to use screenbased media to affect change on society. I want to work in film,

television or video because I believe that stories told through these media allow people to connect emotionally with stories and empathize with experiences they would not otherwise have. Documentaries like *An Inconvenient Truth* (global warming), *Killing Us Softly* (advertising advocacy) and *Inside Job* (corporate practices) have inspired me and demonstrated how one courageous voice can speak out against a whole system. I have personally experienced the power to media to challenge assumptions, change people's minds, and mobilize people to action.



#### **CASSANDRA LEE-CHIANG**

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I am an individual passionate to leverage the power of for-profit business to create a positive social change. My Ivey education has developed my capacity to bring structure to ambiguous cases, a key

skill in the social impact field. I have driven innovation and growth through my work with the Western Retail Business Club, a student run organization that manages retail ventures to generate profit for social change. Additionally, as a bilingual tour guide in Quebec I enhanced my French and English communication skills. Looking forward, I aspire to learn more about cross-cultural communication and social enterprise.



#### **ANASTASIA OSTAPCHUK**

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I was born in Boston, USA, however my family moved to Kyiv, Ukraine in 1992 where I lived for a large portion of my childhood. In 1999, my family moved to Toronto where I have lived ever since.

Growing up in Toronto, I became very involved in the Ukrainian Community, this has been a continuing trend in my life and I am now the President of the UWO Ukrainian Students Club. In my first two years of University I studied International Relations, which first triggered my interest in international development, which was furthered after I volunteered in Peru for a month. It was during my first semester at Ivey that I became interested in pursuing a career path in sustainability.



ELYSSA SEIDMAN HBA 2013 eseidman.hba2013@ivey.ca

I grew up in Toronto but spent my summers on Lake Simcoe. Summers gave me an appreciation for calmness and simplicity which we have lost in the day to day business shuffle. I want to

bring caring and responsibility for society back into business and widen the tunnel vision of profits and empires. I believe my generation will change corporations and corporations will change the world.



TAYLOR SEKHON HBA 2013 tsekhon.hba2013@ivey.ca Prior to HBA1, I completed 2 years in the Global Studies program at Huron University College. I intend to enrol in a dual degree program and to complete an Honours Specialization in Global Development.

Having developed a passion for social entrepreneurship through extensive international experience, I aim to pursue a career in a sustainability focused firm or venture. Although I have yet to develop a specific field of interest within international development, I know that I am interested in both social and economic change and am open to pursuing opportunities in a diverse range of topics from health to technology.



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I am passionate about business, sustainability, and technology. I would really like to find ways to combine my interests and skills in these areas in order to make impact on the world. I'm still learning

more about all these areas and I imagine the possibilities that I can achieve within the Ivey network where I can cultivate my skills and knowledge and gain better understanding of my passions.