

Making an Impact: Sustainable Sandhills Interns



Josh Lim is an aspiring filmmaker and soon to be a Duke University graduate. He thinks it's very important to be involved in the local community and give back in whatever way that you can. Josh cut his video production teeth on self-written and produced videos in high school. He's gained valuable experience through Duke's Film Video Digital department, and was ready to bring those skills to Fayetteville and find a project that he could invest himself in for the summer. As an intern at Sustainable Sandhills, Josh produced an amazing [promotional video](#) as well as several other soon to be released projects! While he knew he would enjoy the work, Josh stated "What I could not have foreseen was

just how attached I would become to Sustainable Sandhills as an organization and the people that truly make it work. I'm astounded every day by the scope and ambition of their work and it pushes me to develop projects and ideas to match that vision."



Alex Berry is a Senior at Tuskegee University in Alabama. He is majoring in Psychology and plans on entering a teaching certification program after graduating. He hopes to bring his passion and knowledge of sustainability to a classroom setting so that it can become a life-long value in his students. Less productively, in his spare time he enjoys playing the drums and riding his bike. Alex worked closely with Sustainable Sandhills' Green Business and School

Coordinators this summer to successfully integrate the USEPA's Portfolio Manager energy and water utility usage tool into those two important programs. He also wrote several newsletter articles that will be released later this year.

Rick Lietz is an Economics major at East Carolina University. Always interested in environmental issues, he recently studied sustainable tourism in Australia and Fiji. Since returning, he has been a wonderfully productive intern at Sustainable Sandhills, and is working on expanding our Green Schools program into the private school sector in Cumberland County. Thanks to Rick's work, the Fayetteville Academy will be the first private school in the region to adopt the Sustainable Sandhills Green Schools program!



Emily Howe will be a Senior at the University of Chicago this fall where she will be working hard to finish two bachelor's degrees in Environmental Studies and Philosophy. Emily has spent the greater part of the last three years in Chicago, but was born and raised in Fayetteville, NC, and still calls it home. Her interests are somewhat varied, and since beginning college, she has pursued projects in community outreach, education, and environmental issues.



Asked why she pursued an internship at Sustainable Sandhills, Emily said "I decided to work for Sustainable Sandhills this summer because I am eager to work in the community I grew up in by participating in environmental projects that I believe are important.

Sustainable Sandhills is a unique non-profit in the region because it deals with many aspects of sustainable living and is directly aimed at helping and educating the public. They are a great environmental resource for our local communities that are now realizing the economic and ecological benefits of practices like energy conservation and recycling. As an intern at Sustainable Sandhills, I hope to participate in a wide range of projects that facilitate and further promote environmentally conscious practices in the Sandhills region. I am excited to continue working with all the knowledgeable and friendly people at Sustainable Sandhills, as well as interacting with community members like you this summer!"

The Sustainable Sandhills staff had a great time working with each of these interns over the summer. Their wit, great attitudes and truly professional contributions will be missed. We extend our most sincere appreciation to these dedicated students for choosing Sustainable Sandhills this summer!

