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Sustainable Sandhills Welcomes Three New Energy Interns

In July 2010, Sustainable Sandhills was awarded a Student Energy Internship Program (SEIP) Grant from the NC State Energy Office. Due to several of our interns leaving their positions early to move onto permanent full-time jobs, we recently hired three new SEIP interns to finish out the grant requirements.

We want to take this opportunity to introduce you to our newest staff additions, and show you the many ways in which they are making a difference in our community!



Celestine Raineri grew up in Fayetteville, NC. She attended college at Methodist University, and was a member of the Methodist University Chapter of the National Association of Safety Professionals. In May of 2011 Celestine graduated *cum laude* from Methodist University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Occupational Management with a Concentration in Regulatory Compliance as well as an Associate of Science degree in The Interdisciplinary Study of Clandestine Labs. Celestine is currently working as our Green Business Intern where she has already recertified over ten green businesses in Cumberland, Hoke, and Harnett Counties!

Thomas Harris is the new SEIP Intern for Cumberland County Schools and works with members of CCS Operations and others in the school district in support of the district's Go Green Initiative. Thomas is a Fayetteville native who graduated from Jack Britt High School in 2005. He went on to graduate from Stanford University in 2009 with a B.S. in Product Design Engineering. He enjoys playing pool in his spare time, and you may even see him playing around town in small local tournaments on occasion.

Though his internship with the county school system is set to expire before the end of the year, his involvement with the Go Green Initiative has sparked interest in future work within the fields of green technology and sustainable design.



Anthony Sandonato finished high school in Roswell, GA and attended North Carolina State University where he received his degree in Nuclear Engineering in May 2011. Anthony is currently working to implement an energy conservation program for Harnett County Schools, with a focus on the district's operations and maintenance. He is also monitoring energy consumption to document the effectiveness of any changes the district undertakes for the program.