Call for Nominations for the 2017 Harris Pastides and Patricia Moore-Pastides Student Sustainability Award

Sustainability is an emerging field of problem-driven, interdisciplinary scholarship and practice that focuses on the dynamic relationship among the environment, economy and society. Sustainable systems aim to protect the environment, promote economic prosperity, advance social justice, and enhance quality of life for present and future generations. The field is defined by the problems it addresses rather than the disciplines it employs. It draws from multiple disciplines of the natural, social, medical and engineering sciences, from the professions and humanities, and from practical field experience in business, government, culture and civil society.

President Harris Pastides and Patricia Moore-Pastides are committed to sustainability and its positive impact on multiple systems and, therefore, have created this award to be first presented in 2017.

Eligibility
Students at the University of South Carolina who will have completed 90 credit hours or more by the end of the Spring 2017 semester (i.e. rising seniors) shall be eligible to be nominated. Students must be currently enrolled full-time students and have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Students can be self-nominated, or nominated by a member of the USC community students, staff or faculty. Nominations should address how the student has made an impact in one or more of the following areas related to sustainability: scholarship, leadership, and engagement.

Award Areas
• Scholarship: Through an intensive discovery or research project, the student has revealed a new understanding of the interdisciplinary connections between the environment, economy and society. Conclusions from the project should demonstrate the importance of sustainability research, suggestions for USC campus operations, and/or contribute to social progress.
• Leadership: The student has demonstrated an ability to put theory into practice by leading a team to execute a major program or project that promotes sustainability at USC.
• Service/Engagement: The student has exhibited a commitment to service and educational outreach through engagement with the campus and local community. Through intensive projects and programs, the student has helped to elevate the education of these two populations.

The nomination package shall include: the completed nomination form; a letter of nomination specifying the award areas in which the student has made an impact; two letters of recommendation supporting the impact of the student’s efforts at USC and a 1-page Resume. The nomination package should be contained in a single file (8 page limit). All applications should be sent electronically to Jackie McClary at McClaryJ@mailbox.sc.edu in the School of the Earth, Ocean and Environment.

Submission Deadline
Nomination files are due by February 24, 2017 to Jackie McClary at McClaryJ@mailbox.sc.edu.

Selection Process:
One award will be given each year and selected by a committee from the USC Office of Sustainability and the School of the Earth, Ocean, and Environment.