

Futures We Can Envision Together: A Dialogue.

Presented by:

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Megan Halm attends GVSU where she is pursuing a major in environmental and sustainability studies, and a minor in political and nonprofit administration. Megan is very passionate about the Earth and has worked with organizations such as John Ball Zoo to be more involved with local environmental movements. She enjoys writing, reading, painting, and doing yoga.

Megan Oleszkowicz grew up in Troy, MI and moved out to Grand Rapids in 2018 to attend GVSU. She is currently a senior and will be graduating this upcoming April. Her major is Integrative Studies with an emphasis in human and environmental health, along with a minor in psychology. She is very passionate about studying the ways in which our environment and bodies are impacted by plastic pollution and would like to spread more awareness about this topic in the community.

Jade Phillips is from Metro Detroit and came to Grand Valley to study sustainable food systems and community health. She uses her majors in integrative studies and environmental and sustainability studies to understand relationships between her passions in food, holistic health, culture, and justice. Jade tends to spend her free time reading, cooking, or exploring outside when it's warm. She'll be graduating in December of this year.

Anna Watson is a senior pursuing a major in environmental and sustainability studies, as well as a minor in general business at Grand Valley State University. Anna is the current water fellow at the West Michigan Environmental Action Council and is passionate about water quality and conservation. She enjoys being outside, gardening, reading, and crafts including upcycling household items for a new purpose.