



Our Collective Responsibility! CCLI's 2024 Year End Update

The Climate Change Leadership Institute

What matters at this critical juncture:

Integrity—In this daunting time of back tracking on US climate leadership, it's critical that we the people shoulder responsibility for our future by offering up what is lacking from the top: acting with integrity, pursuing unity, role modeling for our youth and bringing forth ethical leadership, love and justice for all.

Unity—we're doing extensive work in New Mexico on soil health (see NM Healthy Soil) which is about bringing people together—rural and urban, producer and consumer, republican and democrat—around regenerating the land, restoring nutrient density and biodiversity in agriculture, sequestering water and carbon in the ground, etc. You're invited to learn more—click to attend our free soil health film series at Violet Crown in Santa Fe on Regenerative Ag Day Feb 14th at 5:30.

Role Modeling—At CCLI we care about setting an example and supporting young people in their inalienable right to a livable planet. We offer student internships; our current intern Araceli has been helping us with composting while getting her degree in sustainability from Denver University. We also offer the CCLI Scholarship; the current scholar - Angela from the Taos Pueblo - says: "After receiving credentials from schooling, I want to use my knowledge and share it with my community!"

Ethical leadership & climate justice—CCLI carries out direct action projects and gives out seed grant leadership awards

based on these principles, especially at the grassroots level and across the board (learn about this year's recipients below).

CCLI's 2024 Climate Leadership Awards:

Climate Courage Award to The Elders for internationally standing up so strongly, collaborating so diligently & advocating so thoughtfully to resolve the climate crisis.

Direct Action Award to Conservation Voters New Mexico for decisively and successfully mobilizing to the polls people whom care about the climate & protecting the environment. Thanks in part to CVNM, our state - along with others - can help lead the US in combating climate change.

Climate Justice Award to New Mexico Climate Justice for supporting the resiliency of communities most impacted by climate change & for building alliances to help phase out fossil fuels.

Conservation Award to Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps for reconnecting young people from tribal and pueblo communities to the land they love.

Education Award to all involved at UCSD for creating Jane Teranes Climate Change Education Requirement empowering students to fill the rise of green job openings and advance climate solutions.

Innovation Award to Healthy Climate New Mexico for engaging health care professionals in climate leadership and for dynamically integrating climate action with public health.

Before you go, consider (in the context of the unresolved climate crisis) the late Nelson Mandela's statement not taking freedom - which we're so fortunate to have and that he earned after a lifetime of collective struggle - for granted: "*the time has come to accept in our hearts and minds that with freedom comes responsibility.*" Visit us at www.takeresponsibility.us.