

CLIMATE ADVOCATES VOCES UNIDAS

Winter 2021



Think globally, adapt locally,

and expand nationally!

CAVU's STEAM education initiative, the Climate Innovation Challenge (CIC), is expanding across the U.S.! We now have teachers and students registered in New Mexico, Colorado, Idaho, Arizona, and Alabama with more joining weekly. After seeing a 200% increase in student participation last year, we recently received a two-year commitment from the Los Alamos National Lab Foundation (\$20K/year!) to continue to broaden CIC's outreach in tribal communities. This furthers our goal of amplifying the voices of communities that are the most vulnerable to climate change impacts including Indigenous, rural, minority, and low-income communities while continuing to cultivate youth leadership and innovation.

We are also kicking off a CIC pilot program in Florida with our partners at the CLEO Institute. And we even have schools in Kenya, Africa adopting the program! As always, our 8 lesson curriculum, trainings, and classroom support for CIC teachers and student participants, including cash prizes and scholarships, is 100% FREE of charge! With support of donors like YOU we are creating real community change nationwide by inspiring students to engage in local, culturally-responsive solutions to the climate crisis.

Your community could be the next to adopt CIC!

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"My colleagues and I are a few weeks into the CIC curriculum and our students are eating it up! It's such an important topic that kids really want to talk and learn about. My students are super excited about the opportunity to enter their final videos into a competition. One 7th grade boy turn to me the other day and said, this is such a big problem, it seems like the best thing we can do is make more people aware of it. That's why I love that we're doing the challenge-kids all over the country are learning about this!"







435 students

155 projects

40 teachers

80+ hours mentoring

30 schools

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Progress on Methane Pollution

Success!!! New Mexico has created the most comprehensive safeguards in the nation to reduce methane and ozone emissions from the oil and gas industry. CAVU's work on this issue over the past several years, including Methane Voices, Methane Matters, and Clearing the Air, contributed to the development of a smart, commonsense proposal to

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increase protections for communities closest to oil and gas operations. As a result, nearly 1,000 citizens provided public comment in support of strengthening NMED's proposed rules. Stay tuned to our Methane Matters website, to get updates on the adoption of the rules.

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New Mexico Clean Water Under Threat NO LONGER THREAT

Our state's iconic rivers are no longer under threat! Thanks to CAVU's storytelling work in *Polluted Future:*New Mexico Clean Water Under Threat, we raised awareness about the Dirty Water Rule, and it was repealed in June of 2021! To learn more about this initiative, go to NMWaters.org.



OPEN NEW DOORS



This Spring in a video series and website project, CAVU is bringing together social justice and environmental organizations to explore how we can ensure equity and justice are prioritized during the transition to a clean energy economy.

This year, founders Jordan and David Smith, continue to demonstrate their dedication to CAVU's mission by generously pledging a \$25,000 match grant for year-end giving! Help us meet their challenge by donating today--dollar for dollar your contribution will be matched now through December 31st!

Give securely online at CAVU.org/donate.

- \$100 helps us share CAVU's educational films with new audiences
- \$250 allows us to provide our 8 lesson CIC curriculum free of charge to one classroom for a school year (and it also secures you a CAVU-embossed Yeti travel mug!)
- \$500 supports four periods of in-class teaching support for our overburdened teachers
- \$1,000 → provides a day of filming local voices sharing their experiences living with climate change and energy development
- \$5,000 → funds our continued expansion of CIC into tribal communities by providing educator training and much needed classroom supplies

