Executive Summary

Our Mission

The Climate Action Leadership Program (CALP) aims to create sustainability leadership educational pedagogy in the U.S. public school systems through declarative and experiential learning.

Our Vision

Educating the next generation of sustainability leaders who are pursuing solutions to climate change.

The Program

CALP is a certificate of achievement program, designed for the 8th to 12th grade students in the Las Virgenes Unified School District (LVUSD) in Calabasas, CA. CALP addresses the lingering gap in sustainability leadership education in the U.S. public schools.

The Problem and Challenges

On March 15, 2019, an estimated 1.6 million students took to the streets in a Global Climate Strike demanding to save their future. The nudge came to create CALP after conducting research that indicated the presence of a very low degree of programs that are preparing the students with 21st century leadership skills.

Solutions, Actions and Outcomes

The collaboration of multi-sector stakeholders’ engagement converged to create CALP and to remain focused on developing a program that empowered the next generation of Sustainability leaders. Using strategic methods and organizational flow charts, we were able to stay on track and accomplish many of our goals.

We have accomplished a lot in a short few months

1. Declarative learning: the program has offered the students the opportunity to learn from educators at the Climate Reality Project, hear from an expert on the Amazon Rainforest and an interactive presentation on the three pillars of sustainability by a sustainability expert.

2. Experiential education is at the core of CALP. Since the Sept 2019 launch, real-life experience for our 10 students has unfolded in the building of the CALP brand. The
students have been actively engaged in creating the CALP website, logo and social media accounts.

3. Established a mentors team and an advisory team from the community.

Environmentally responsible education systems like CALP are building future leaders to move ahead on adopting positive practices toward a more sustainable, healthy, prosperous, and equitable future.