

2018-2019 UCSF: UC Carbon Neutrality Initiative Student Engagement  
Representative Application

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*Application Letter*

To whom it may concern,

I am a first-year dental student and I am writing to express interest to serve as the UCSF's CNI student engagement representative. This past year I worked with UCSF's Office of Sustainability to push for improvements within the School of Dentistry to move towards becoming eco-friendlier. So far, we were able to have recycling bins be deployed in the simulation labs. Though this was a small step, it opened the dialogue for further changes.

I believe, the greatest improvements towards sustainability requires combined efforts from students, staff, and faculty. A major barrier preventing these members from spearheading initiatives is a lack of education on what is currently being done at UCSF. For example, although recycling bins were brought into the dental simulation labs, the students, staff, and faculty were unfamiliar with the recyclability of the materials used in the labs, leaving the bins underutilized. However, information on the recyclability of the materials is accessible on the Office of Sustainability's website. One of my initial goals is to raise awareness that information such as this is available by distributing flyers that are catered towards audiences within their respective schools at UCSF. Furthermore, I will write updates that can be put into the school wide newsletter to inform the community of the progress that UCSF has made towards becoming carbon neutral.

Furthermore, our UCSF currently has an elective on sustainability that is led by the School of Pharmacy that invites leaders of sustainability in pharmacy. I would like to expand the elective by encouraging bringing in speakers working in dentistry, medicine, and nursing to share their stories on implementing sustainable practices within their fields.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Liu