

Where are they now? Founding Member SAM Sara Hwong

CELf recently caught up with founding SAM member, Sara Hwong, who is pursuing a degree in Biological Sciences with a minor in Environmental, Energy, and Resource Economics. Sara is grateful for her experience with CELf and explained that she connected what she learned as a SAM with the content in her freshman year Environmental Science and Sustainability class. "The training that I received as a SAM definitely increased my environmental knowledge, especially on issues that concern global water safety issues."

As a SAM, Sara honed her communication skills as well. "Representing CELf at three consecutive Green Festivals in NYC provided the opportunity for me to gain valuable experience in initiating a conversation about sustainability with someone that I had most probably never met before ... These communication skills came in handy when I gathered participants for residential energy efficiency research that I am helping out with right now."

To the high school students who might want to participate as a SAM, Sara says, "Don't even hesitate. From meeting fantastic, proactive students and educators, to drinking "dirty" water (much to the astonishment of Green Festival-goers), to discovering strengths, weaknesses and passions, being a SAM is an opportunity you wouldn't want to miss."



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