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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Earth and Environment Students, Alumni, Faculty, and Friends:

Welcome to the Fall 2024 issue of our department newsletter. As the year's end draws near, we reflect on the achievements of our community. I am delighted to share some of the recent successes of our Department of Earth and Environment. Our collective efforts continue to drive impactful research, innovative teaching, and meaningful community engagement. Our undergraduates have been actively involved in "out-of-the-classroom" learning experiences. Many of these revolved around undergraduate club activities. In 2024 we will have graduated 11 MS and 11 PhD students. Our graduate students published in prestigious journals and have earned well-deserved accolades including the School of Environment, Arts, and Society's "Best Dissertation Award." Two of our current graduate students were co-authors of a recently published edited volume. Our alumni have achieved recognition on international stages.

The faculty of E&E continue to be among the most productive researchers at FIU and globally. Five E&E faculty were designated among the top 2% of world scientists, based on citation rankings by Elsevier and Stanford University. Our faculty have been named editors of prestigious scientific journals and have earned Fellow designations in scientific societies. Two E&E faculty held prestigious Jefferson Fellowships this year. Two E&E faculty now have the title of Distinguished University Professor, FIU's highest faculty rank.

Faculty efforts have gone beyond research and academia to make significant impacts on the larger community. Through outreach and engagement activities, Faculty have helped shape legislation, have deployed environmental work to the larger community, and have been instrumental in development of South Florida's Environmental Resilience. And these are just a handful of example accomplishments that reflect the dedication and hard work of our faculty, staff, alumni, and students. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together and look forward to continuing our journey towards excellence in research, education, and community service.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and contributions to our department. Let us continue to strive for excellence and make a positive impact on our planet.

Sincerely,



Leonard J. (Len) Scinto, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair



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GRADUATE STUDENTS



Left to right: Dr **Marcel Bozas** Email: mboza011@fiu.edu, Professor **Mike Ross**, Dr **Melinda Paduani**, Dr **Mason Bradbury** mbrad045@fiu.edu

Current Graduate Student Activities

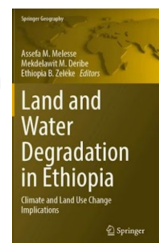
E&E doctoral student, **Chloe' Vorseth**, gave a TEDxMiramar talk on STEM education in June 2024.

[STEM is for Everyone | Chloe' Vorseth | TEDxMiramar](#)



Congratulations to PhD candidates **Mekdelawit Deribe** and **Ethiopia Zeleke**, who, along with their advisor **Assefa Melesse** served as editors of the following book with [Springer: Land and Water Degradation in Ethiopia: Climate and Land Use Change Implications](#)

The book addresses issues of water scarcity and land degradation in Ethiopia, with emphasis on climate change effects. Water quality, irrigation, and the implications for food security, energy production, and economic development are considered. Policymakers, researchers, and others interested in environmental and socio-economic issues in developing nations should find it helpful.



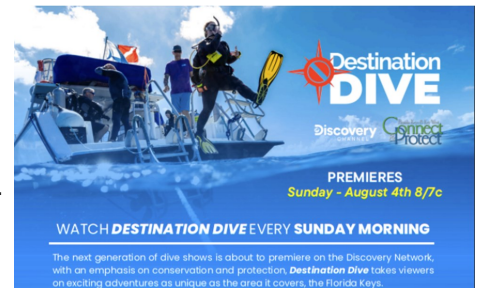
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GRADUATE STUDENT NOTES

Current Graduate Student Activities (Cont.)

Jazmin Locke Won the Best Dissertation from the School of Environment, Arts & Society, for her Fall 2023 dissertation on using floating flowers to clean water. Her work was also featured on [“The Academic Minute”](#) website.

PSM-EPM Cohort 8's own **Brittany Torres'** work with NOAA was featured on Destination Dive Episode 3, which aired nationally on August 18th. The Episode documented the awesome work she has been doing through FIU's collaboration with NOAA and as part of her PSM-EPM practicum! Congratulations Brittany!



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT NOTES

A decade of food and agriculture sciences collaboration among FIU, Texas A&M University Kingsville, and the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez continued with a trip to Costa Rica to learn ecological farming practices. The students and **Dr. Krish Jayachandran (Dr. Jay)** visited rice paddy, sugarcane, coffee, pineapple, banana, yuca, cocoa,



and vegetable farming operations, and learned about soil conservation techniques, water resources sharing, and cattle production for milk and meat. Through experiential and experimental learning activities, students gained passion for ecological agriculture, subject knowledge, communication skills, and cultural exchange.



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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT NOTES (CONT.)



The **Garden Club** conducted a Germination and Transplantation Workshop on March 22, 2024, in the Organic Garden. Students learned expert tips on seed germination, transplanting techniques, and nurturing plants to bloom beautifully.



On March 27, 2024 the **Geology Club** visited the CEMEX plant near the intersection of the turnpike and Okeechobee Road. It is one of the World's largest aggregate plants. You can check out the full photo album [here](#). (pictured at left)



On November 13th, 2024 the **Geology Club** and the Sedimentology and Stratigraphy class visited The Montgomery Botanical Center to map a portion of the Silver Bluff Escarpment. (pictured at right)

ALUMNI NOTES

We love to hear from our Alumni! Please send us an update, current photos, etc., and keep in touch! You can use this [link](#) to get us your contact information; please share it with your classmates and friends that we may have lost track of and might not be receiving this new newsletter.

In the end, we could use some donations from you. Please visit <https://case.fiu.edu/earth-environment/give/> to help us out.



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ALUMNI NOTES (CONT.)

Dr Michael Fisher, who earned his BS in Meteorology from FIU in 2013 is now an Assistant Professor at the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Science. You can visit his web page [here](#).

In a likely first for our department, former MS student **Alejandro Rosselli**, who has come back to campus several times to give seminars on his Conservation International work in South America, is now the Colombian Ambassador to Malaysia.

The attached photo, taken last March, is of Alejo presenting his credentials to His Majesty Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar of Johor, The King of Malaysia.



Another one of our former students, **Mehrnoosh Asadi** (MS 2016, PhD 2021), accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professor Position in the Department of Economics at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University in Minnesota. Her web page is [here](#).

She completed her Master's thesis, which focused on 'The Economic Impact of Recreational Charter Fishing in Florida' under the supervision of Pallab Mozumder. After her Masters, she pursued her PhD in Economics at FIU also working with Pallab Mozumder and graduated in 2021. Her PhD dissertation focused on disaster risk management and public health issues (e.g., <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41885-024-00145-5>). She held visiting faculty positions in Wagner College and Clarkson University in New York before accepting this tenure track position. We are proud of her achievement, and we wish her well in her professional development.

1997 Geosciences BS graduate **Carolyn Gramling** is a writer at Science News: <https://www.sciencenews.org/author/carolyn-gramling> Interestingly, she recently appeared on the television game show Jeopardy.

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FACULTY NOTES



In June, Professor **Florentin J. Maurrasse** was notified that the Council of The Geological Society of America, at its meeting on 6 May 2024, elected him to GSA Fellowship. Congratulations to Florentin on being recognized as an exceptional member of the geoscience community.

The abbreviated citation by PhD student **Miguel Valencia** was published on the GSA website and in the July issue of GSA Today:

“**Florentin J. Maurrasse** (Florida International Univ.): Dr. Maurrasse has a long and consistent history of excellence in administration of geoscience programs, training, mentoring, scientific achievement, and exemplary GSA-membership since 1972. He has made outstanding contributions to geoscience throughout Caribbean/Latin American regions and to understanding of paleoenvironments related to Cretaceous greenhouse climate and ocean oxygen depletion worldwide.”

Newly elected Fellows were recognized at the Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony held during the Connects 2024 meeting.

Dr. **Elizabeth Anderson**, a renowned freshwater conservation ecologist based at Florida International University, has been named the editor of the Freshwater Science Journal by Society for Freshwater Science (SFS). With a robust background in research, international collaborations, and leadership roles, including directing international research programs and coordinating conservation efforts in diverse landscapes, Dr. Anderson brings a wealth of experience to her new role. Her expertise, supported by prestigious grants from organizations like the MacArthur Foundation and National Geographic, underscores her dedication to understanding and protecting freshwater ecosystems. Dr. Anderson's appointment is poised to bolster SFS's mission of fostering scientific exchange and promoting conservation efforts in freshwater environments worldwide.



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FACULTY NOTES (CONT.)



Dr. Amir Ali Khoddamzadeh, an associate professor of environmental horticulture in the Department's Agroecology Program has been selected as one of nine "[science fellows](#)" in the 2024 class of the prestigious E. Kika De La Garza Fellowship Program by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Recognized for his contributions to agroecology and sustainable horticulture, he is the sole representative from Florida in this year's cohort. As part of the fellowship, Dr. Khoddamzadeh engaged with USDA leaders in Washington, D.C., and is collaborating with the USDA Agricultural Research Service in California on projects involving agricultural water efficiency and salt stress adaptations. His involvement underscores the program's mission to foster diversity and professional development within the agricultural sector, benefiting both research and student opportunities.



Congratulations to **Krish Jayachandran** who was just named one of nine Jefferson Science Fellows for 2024-25. This is a very prestigious Fellowship where awardees work with the US State Department. Assefa Melesse served in 2023-2024, giving EE/FIU/IOE a great presence.

The National Academies of Sciences released The Jefferson Science Fellows 2024-2025:

<https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/jefferson-science-fellowships/fellows>

Luis Cendan a PhD Student, his advisor, **Dr. Amir Khoddamzadeh**, and **Dr. Maruthi Sridhar Balaji Bhaskar** presented in a panel on Climate-Smart Agriculture at the Smart City Miami Expo. The panel's deliberations are the focus of an article in Smart City Miami Magazine that you can read here:

https://issuu.com/scheinkman/docs/smart_city_magazine_2024_digital-single_pages

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FACULTY NOTES (CONT.)

Vice Provost for Faculty Leadership and Success Heather Russell announced on May 6th 2024 that the Office of Faculty Leadership & Success advanced **Mahadev Bhat** to the rank of Distinguished University Professor. This is the highest academic rank at FIU. He was featured in the July 30, 2024 edition of FIU Today: <https://news.fiu.edu/2024/theyre-all-that-and-more-fiu-announces-new-distinguished-university-professors> Professor Bhat joined the former Department of Environmental Studies in the 1990s. He holds a joint appointment in Economics. We wish him continued success.



Kateel Shetty, Associate Professor of Agroecology was featured in the FIU's "The Globe": (<https://mailchi.mp/a14e443e45b1/fall-2024-welcome-back-9199251?e=83dfabefef>) and covered in FIU news: <https://news.fiu.edu/2023/scientists-believe-weapon-against-citrus-greening-already-exists-in-nature>



GL Spotlight

Uncovering nature's potential in the fight against citrus greening! Institute of Environment professor, Kateel Shetty is leading innovative research highlighting a promising solution derived from natural sources, offering hope for the future of citrus agriculture. Join us in exploring how his work could transform farming practices and safeguard our citrus crops!

Kateel Shetty



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FACULTY NOTES (CONT.)

The FIU Institute of Environment has been awarded a three-year \$2.3 million grant as part of [NOAA's FY 2024 Marine Debris Challenge Awards](#). Led by Dr. Ali Ebrahimian, the project will use AI technology to enhance urban stormwater systems and reduce microplastic pollution. The team includes our Chair **Dr. Leonard Scinto**, Dr. Piero Gardinali, Dr. Hooman Vatankhah, Dr. Agoritsa Polyzou, Dr. Dongsheng Luo, and Dr. Anna Braswell, and will assess stormwater system performance and develop tools to identify and mitigate pollutants in urban coastal areas.

After hours of consultation with the reporters, **Mike Sukop's** sage quotes appeared in a Washington Post [article on septic systems](#): "Pretty gross" and "All bets are off" when sea level rises reflect his deep knowledge of the subject!

Transitions

Dr **Jessica Bolson** accepted a position as Undergraduate Program Director at the University of Miami's Environmental Science and Policy Department. Jessica earned her PhD at the University of Miami in 2010, where she was the first graduate of the interdisciplinary Environmental Science and Policy graduate program operated jointly with the University's Abess Center. She began at FIU as a post-doc on **Mike Sukop's** National Science Foundation South Florida Water Sustainability and Climate project in 2013 and became a teaching faculty in 2016. She served as our Department's Undergraduate Program Director from 2023 to 2024, and will be missed as a colleague and friend. She lives in Miami with her husband Jason and her kids Elijah and Phoebe.

Anna Fache (PhD 2024) is now a postdoctoral associate and will be faculty for the PSM-EPM program in the Spring.

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Latest News

A [recent study](#) led by **Dr Jennifer Rehage** discovered significant pharmaceutical contamination in bonefish, an important species in local marine ecosystems. The team found that the fish are primarily exposed to pharmaceuticals through their prey. Fifteen different drugs were detected in the bonefish, prey, and surrounding water. Some of the pharmaceuticals bioaccumulate in the fish, raising concerns about the potential long-term effects. The study estimated that bonefish consume up to 1.2% of a human daily dose of pharmaceuticals through their diet.

A team, including Dr. Brittany Harris, **Dr. Cara Rockwell**, and **Dr. Michael Ross**, along with MS students **Latonya Williams** and **Demonica Brown** is leading a project on Revitalizing Bahamian Pine Ecosystems: The Abaco Advanced Landscape and Ecosystem Monitoring. The project is measuring the recovery of Bahamian pine forests damaged by Hurricane Dorian. Utilizing aerial and terrestrial LiDAR and the QUIC-Fire model, the project aims to enhance forest management and resilience. Partners include the Bahamas Forestry Unit, Bahamas National Trust, Friends of the Environment, USDA Forest Service, and The Jones Center at Ichauway. The project is also committed to capacity building in the Bahamas by training local students in advanced ecological and fire management techniques, ensuring the community can sustainably apply project findings in the future.



Graduate student **Joseph Anthony Navarro** has made history by winning the \$16,491 Student SARE grant, the first of its kind awarded to a student working in Puerto Rico. Advised by **Dr. Rockwell** and **Dr. Jayachandran**, Navarro's research focuses on using Taino agricultural methods to enhance soil health and crop production. His project, which examines the benefits of conuco mounds and intercropping practices, aims to tackle food insecurity and environmental challenges in Puerto Rico. Despite facing challenges like heavy rains, Navarro's work promises innovative solutions for sustainable agroecology in tropical regions.



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SEMINARS

The Department's robust seminar program was led by **Mahadev Bhat** this Fall semester. Check out the talks and join us at 3:30 on Friday afternoons when you can. You can see prior semester seminars on our [YouTube Channel](#); please join the channel.

Date	Name	Institution	Presentation Title/Subject
6-Sept	Dr. Falk Amelung	University of Miami's Rosenstiel School	<i>"Coastal Subsidence on Miami's Barrier Islands"</i>
20-Sept	Mr. James Jiler	Urban Greenworks, Miami	<i>"Social Forestry: Building Resiliency in Natural Ecosystems and Human Communities"</i>
27-Sept	Dr. Anna Fache	FIU Earth & Environment, Department of Earth and Environment	<i>"Future Electricity Demand Projections in a Changing Climate: A Regional Analysis of Florida"</i>
4-Oct	Dr. Jehangir Bhadha	University of Florida, Department of Soil, Water, & Ecosystem Sciences	<i>"Integrated Soil, Water, & Nutrient Management: Pillars of Sustainable Agriculture"</i>
11-Oct	Dr. Andrea Nocentini	Seminole Tribe of Florida, Hollywood	<i>"Discovering Everglades' Ecology Through Holistic Approaches"</i>
25-Oct	Mrs. Loren Parra, MBA	Office of Resilience, Miami-Dade County	<i>"Integrating Science and Law Through the Lens of Conservation Genetics"</i>
1-Nov	Dr. John Erwin	Florida International University, College of Law	<i>"Integrating Science and Law Through the Lens of Conservation Genetics"</i>
8-Nov	Dr. Fabiany Herrera	Negaunee Assistant Curator of Paleobotany	<i>"Tropical forests: A 300-million-year journey"</i>

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15-Nov	Mr. Chris Gillette	Challenges in scaling climate-resilient housing	<i>"Gator wrestling, social media fame, & education; making a positive impact in a world trying to eat you alive (literally)"</i>
22-Nov	Dr. Brian Barnes	College of Marine Science, University of South Florida	<i>"Monitoring marine environments in South Florida using satellite data"</i>
6-Dec	Dr. Nadia Seeteram	New York State's Division of Housing and Community Renewal	<i>"Challenges in scaling climate resilient housing"</i>

Learn about the history of the Earth and Environment Department by watching this presentation by [Dr. Florentin Maurrasse and Dr. Joel Henin](#).

GRADUATIONS

Spring and Summer 2024 PhD graduates and Faculty Advisors:

Doctoral Dissertation Defense: A solutions-oriented approach for understanding microplastics as a water quality contaminant by **Melinda Paduani**, Major Professor Dr. Mike Ross

Doctoral Dissertation Defense: Climate Change and Renewable Energy Policies in the USA with a Special Emphasis on Florida by **Anna Fache**, Major Professor: Dr. Mahadev G. Bhat.

Doctoral Dissertation Defense Remote Sensing Analyses of the Impact of the 2017 Hurricane Irma on the Mangrove Forests in the South Florida Everglades by **Selena Chavez** Major Professor: Dr. Shimon Wdowinski

Doctoral Dissertation Defense Development of novel electrochemical sensor for measuring nutrients in surface runoff for effective nutrient management by **Vagheeswari Venkadesh** Major Professors: Dr. Krish Jayachandran & Dr. Shekhar Bhansali



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PhDs

Name	Year	Name	Year	Name	Year	Name	Year
Shagufta Gaffar	2020	Jeremy Katz	2022	Martina Rogers	2023	Anna Fache	2024
Zongyao Yang	2020	Meenakshi Chabba	2022	Stephanie Campo Rojas	2023	Brenna Kays	2024
Anteneh Abiy	2020	Carissa Gervasi Bloom	2022	Xinxi Wang	2023	Mason Bradbury	2024
Michael Eyob Kiflai	2020	Haydee Borrero	2022	Steffanie Munguia Rodriguez	2023	Melinda Paduani	2024
Francisco Pena Guerra	2021	Boya Zhang	2022	Angelica Moncada	2023	Sandra Koi	2024
Ariel Freidenreich	2021	Kimberly Beck	2022	Ikechukwu Onwuka	2023	Selena Chavez	2024
Margaret Kieper	2021	Nadia Seeteram	2022	Jordan Massie	2023	Timothy Kirby Jr	2024
Maria Gudnitz	2021	Oscar Fernando Guzman Rey	2022	Vanessa Londono	2023	Vagheeswari Venkadesh	2024
Adrian Lopez Lago	2022	Adrian Figueroa	2023	Samuel Kent	2023	Marcel Bozas	2024
Carlos Herdocia	2022	Jazmin Locke	2023	Nicholas Castillo	2023		
Ganesh Khadka	2022	Jonathan Rodemann	2023				



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MS

2020

Name
Agudelo, Daniel
Banasco, Mariangelica
Bell, Natalee
Calla, Connie
DeLucca, Samantha
Gebreamlak, Berhane
Hermoza, Maria
Kent, Samuel
Khadka, Ganesh
Kiesau, Lara
Lago, Adrian Lopez
Leal, Daniela

Name

Locke, Jazmin
Massie, Jordan
Moncada, Angelica
Morejon, Samantha
Oluwo, Adeola Kolapo
Onwuka, Ikechukwu
Pena Guerra, Francisco
Riano, Andres
Sanchez, Andrea
Vogt, Victoria
Wang, Xinxi
Wilson, Sydney
Zhang, Boya

2021

Name
Chavez, Selena
Correa, Jessica Monroy
Crivelli, Gonzalo
Daniele, Daniela
Esber, Angela
Etile, Noel
Fain, Emma
Garcia, Ellen
Herrera, Emily
Kleiman, Blaire
Lun, Wendy
Martinez, Rolando
Mcdonald, Rose

Name

Mullin, Andrew
Osorio, Guianeya Herrera
Prats, Jordan
Rodriguez, Jessica
Rogers, Martina
Saucer, Logan
Soto, Karen
Stone, Blake
Wallis, Giovanna



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MS

2022	2023	2024
Name	Name	Name
Almeyda, Julian Alwakeel	Bautista, Tania Romero	Acevedo Del Rio, Santiago
Cordoba, Nicole	Calagna, Oriana	Castrillon, Katherine
Figueroa, Adrian	De Vito, Lauren	Echeverri, Erica
Lau, Melissa	Deprado, Lorenzo	Gonzalez, Pedro
Linenfelter, Joshua	Deribe, Mekdelawit	Gray-Case, Gabrielle
Matos, Leticia Ines	Gonzalez, Francisco	Guimaraes, Erika Rocha
Paredes, Marco	Kays, Brenna	Hazard, Robert
Rodriguez, Steffanie Munguia	Koi, Sandra	
Tibor, Devin	Lacy, Lulu	
Torres, Daniela Villalba	Lazzaroni, Hailey	
Valencia, Miguel	Luba, Nilima Islam	
Viadero, Natasha	Menendez, Daniela	



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BS

2020

Name
Abadia, Karina
Aguirre, Karla
Aguirre, Alejandro
Alvarez, Loren
Alvear, Jonathan
Auli, Amanda
Bacarossi, Biancamaria
Banuelos, Anel
Boehnke, Krystin
Bolivar, Ana
Borba, Marina
Cabello, Andrew
Calero, Matthew
Cardona, Viviana
Carswell, Abigail
Catrambone, Richard
Chastonay, James
De Jesus, Jose
Ebanks, Jordan
Edwards, Michael

Name
Garcia, Gabriela
Herrera, Bryan
Keller, Bay Lee
Maksimenko, Julie
Martin, Steele
Maur, Jennifer
Mcdonald, Rose
Paladines, Mateo
Parrales, Kacey
Perez-Leyva, Arquimides
Podczerwinsky, John
Rovelo-Padgett, Daniela
Rushton, Briana
Sabalza, Valentina
Salman, Natalie
See, Melissa
Suarez, Karina
Texaj, Elizabeth
Thomas, Julian
Torres, Daniel

Name
Turner, Alexandra
Westbrook, Alexandra
Winn, Monica
Yearwood Jr, Lenin
Zapsas, Daphne

2021

Abouhassan, Gabriella
Abreu, Olga
Acuna, Adrian
Aguirre, Melissa
Aikens, Emani
Al Farsi, Sheikha
Aleaga, Diego
Aragon Teclas, Suraima
Araujo, Cheyenne
Artigas Viscasillas, Alejandro
Balladares Machado, Marcelo
Barreiro, Olivia
Barreras, Coby
Bates, Jessie

Name
Bautista, Valentina
Bauza, Tamara
Boncompte, Celeste
Braxton, Roberta
Burdine, William Grant
Calvo-Pascual, Francisco
Cerny, Jennifer
Chambers, Ryan
Cheesman, Justin
Chen, Kelsey
Collier, Kevin
Cruz, Jacqueline
Dashtey, Ahmed
Delarosa, Katherine
DeSantis, Nicholas
Distrubell, Andy
Dominguez, Ashley
Fabregas Perez, Patricia
Fassi Fihri, Mariam
Fatowe, Morgan



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BS

2021

Name
Ferro, Alexander
Fussell Persaud, Cynthia
Garcia, Marcos
Garcia, Roxana
Gise, Michael
Gomez, Katrina
Gomez, Sophia
Gonzalez, Gina
Gonzalez, Regina
Gonzalez, Pedro
Goodin, Jessica
Gortva, Eileen
Guandique, Josue
Guillen, George
Hernandez, Christopher
Hernandez-Esquivarosa, Carmen
Herrera, Isabella
Hoffman, Chrystal
Hyde, Aaron
Ibemere, Chinenye

Name
Jagassar, Stephen
Jbilou, Omar
Kisner, Sarah
Klosowski, Caroline
Kornfeld, Samantha
Laria, Nicholas
Lazzaroni, Hailey
Leon, Violeta
Lewin, Kevin
Loguercio, Olivia
Lopez, Kevin
Lowndes-Langlois, Steven
Masterman, Laura
Mathieu, Maddyson
Mendoza, Andres
Mendoza, Oscar
Menendez, Patricia
Menschner, Frank
Milanes, Silvia
Miller, Emily

Name
Mitchell, Joshua
Montgomery, Austin
Morejon, Janina
Moreno, Jonathan
Murga, Claudia
Oliva, Gia
Pallidine, Christian
Palma, Nicolas
Pawlicki, Mario
Perez, Melissa
Perez-Baux, Veronica
Petrosky, Richard
Pimentel, Jesus
Pizzini, Victoria
Pola, Leonela
Potter, Jennifer
Quaresma, Camila
Ratlief, Austin
Reis, Kristen
Restrepo, Veronica

Name
Ritchie, Sarah
Robledo, Libertad
Robles, Samuel
Rodriguez, Gabriela
Rodriguez, Max
Rodriguez Matutes, Javier
Rojas, Daniel
Ruiz, Amanda
Rutherford, Maria
Saint-Fleur, Marie
Sanchez, Valeria
Smith, Zaire
Sotolongo, Gabriela
Spence, Samara
Suarez, Liana
Tapia, Carlos
Torres, Alyssa
Tucker, Daniel
Valdez, Richard
Villalba Torres, Daniela



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Name
Warner, Laura
Yoria, Mailyn
Zeiger, Savanna

2022

Acosta, Sofia
Adside-West, Raqqya
Almaleh, Claire
Arias, Kevin
Avila, Gabriella
Baker, Anadia
Barnes, Krystle
Barrett, Robert
Beepat, Gabriella
Bockhorn, Arlen
Borbolla, Michael
Born, Paulina
Brinkman, Stephen
Browne, Joy
Bruceta, Ahimee
Bustos, Hannah

Name
Campbell, Ramoyd
Carrillo, Alejandra
Casey, Elissa
Castellanos, Christian
Castillo, Nichole
Cazar Garcia, Eduardo
Cevallos, Maria
Chavez, Christina
Cheesman, Giancarlo
Chin, Isabella
Cinco Lay, Michael
Clock, Andrew
Cordero, Nykole
Covington, Myles
Cruz, Jorge
Del Rio, Benjamin
Dickenson, Gabrielle
Dorta, Marcos
Duarte, Anthony
Esperson, Alik

Name
Espinal, Jose
Fabelo, Eduardo
Feliciano, Chelsie
Ferguson, Sean
Fernandez, Samantha
Ferri, Andrea
Fortney, Steven
Foust, Lalina
Frias, Noel
Fuenmayor, Royer
Garcia, Denise
Garcia, Jacinto
Garzon, Sharon
Gautney, Nicole
Georges, Berry
Gil, Walter
Gillespie, Lindsey
Giro, Gabriela
Gonzalez, Francisco
Gorina, Juliana

Name
Hall, Claudia
Herrera, Alyssa
Ifafore-Angoy, Asabi
Jackson, Hannah
Janco, Lanna
Jimenez, Gabriela
Jimenez, Jeremy
Johnson, Samantha
Julia, Daniella
Kielbasa, Alethia
Lafargue, Trevor
Landa, Austin
Leblanc, Justin
Lemus, Nasya
Luna, Tamara
Marrero, Steve
Martinez, Helen
McCarthy, Keegan
Merolle, Abigail
Miranda Caballero, Anyel

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Rodriguez, Kevin
Rodriguez, Paola
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Taibi-Briz, Kiara
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Abreu, Aloyse
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Alcantara-Brandt, Marian
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Alvarez, Juliana
Batan, Ivonne
Blanco, Rogelio
Bouwsma, Jessica

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Brinkman, Marissa
Cabrera, Nils
Calvo, Alexandra
Camargo, Alejandra
Cardet, Elizabeth
Carrasco, Alani
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Charles, Jasmine
Chen, Melissa
Coronado, Julian
Cosio, Anthony
D Angelo, Paola
Dalie, Kyle
Daly, Jose
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Leon, Flavia
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Lopez Taracena, Samuel

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Markis, Natali
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Matulovich, Matthew
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Moreno, Ashley
Morgan, Emily
Morillo, Ana
Nabila, Tasnim
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Romero, Philip
Salinger, Felicia
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Velligan, Holly
Williams, Shadia
Wolfe, Conor
Zamora, Sara

2024

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