

FUTURE LEADERS

Philadelphia, PA

Audenreid charter High school

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Short Description:

The 9th grade 2nd Period Environmental Science Class at Universal Audenreid Charter High School, hereafter referred to as Future Leaders, has collectively made this pitch in accordance with the Justice40 Initiative: If the United States Department of Energy is serious about building partnerships with disadvantaged minority communities, then they must begin with clear material benefits. Towards this end, the future leaders argue that securing \$4,000 scholarships for each of them to attend the college or vocational school of their choice upon completion of high school is an invaluable tool in building the reputation of the DOE with the underserved south Philadelphia neighborhood.

The Future Leaders want to create a 12-person weekly after school group that pays students at a rate of 25\$/hour to do the following work:

- Securing guest instructors from the solar energy sector and PECO to train students at the school
- Securing additional grant funding to continue developing a renewable energy entrepreneurship track at the high school level.
- Developing relationships with the Urban League of Philadelphia and other non-profit social work/empowerment groups to pool resources in a mutually beneficial manner
- And starting carbon-free and/or renewable businesses capable of successfully receiving grant funding and businesses loans

The remaining monies are budgeted towards buying a mock up solar array for solar installation training and removing barriers to entrepreneurship and academic studies caused by lack of cash resources.

Link: <https://vimeo.com/682055382>