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The Patel College of Global Sustainability at the University of South Florida announces New Student Scholarships



Amy and Michael Drake

TAMPA (Aug 2, 2021)- The USF Patel College of Global Sustainability (PCGS) announced the establishment of the Amy & Michael Drake Student Scholarship Fund. The new scholarship is dedicated to supporting the financial needs of students applying for the Master of Science or Master of Arts degrees in Global Sustainability at the college. Sarasota-Manatee campus students applying to PCGS will be given preference.

Sarasota based Amy & Michael Drake have had a life-long interest in environmental conservation and believe that now is the time to focus on our most pressing challenges being magnified by the effects of Climate Change. According to Amy, "Michael and I are thrilled to support the next generation of environmental leaders who are tackling the complex challenges of sustainability and playing a key role in creating conditions where humans and nature can exist in productive harmony. Our endowed scholarship is a means by which we can have a positive impact both in our region and across the U.S."

Govindan Parayil, Dean of PCGS, remarked “Our college is very appreciative of this generous gift from Amy & Michael Drake and it will support the highly talented graduate students who study global sustainability here at PCGS.” Patel College of Global Sustainability is one of the top academic destinations in the world for students seeking graduate education in sustainability studies.

Students at PCGS have the opportunity to earn Master of Science (MS) and Master of Arts (MA) degrees in global sustainability with specializations in sustainable energy, water sustainability, food sustainability and security, climate mitigation and adaptation, sustainability policy, sustainable tourism, sustainable transportation, sustainable business and entrepreneurship. Students can also earn Graduate Certificates in eight of these concentrations.

For more information about Patel College of Global Sustainability, please visit their website at <http://www.usf.edu/pcgs/>.

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