

RECAP: Pearson Faculty Member Wins Global Climate Change Challenge

Lucas Olscamp's climate action course shined bright with judges during COP28

Metchosin, B.C., 04 December 2023 - In a momentous achievement, dedicated faculty member Lucas Olscamp has emerged as the winner of the prestigious [2023 Burjeel Holdings Oxford Saïd Climate Change Challenge](#). The event unfolded amidst the buzz of COP28 in Dubai, U.A.E., with the announcement made over the weekend, providing Olscamp with a significant platform to showcase his ground-breaking coursework, a pivotal element of our robust [Climate Action Leadership Diploma program](#).

Reflecting on his win, Olscamp shared his gratitude in a post, stating, "I cannot express how moved I am to win this wondrous opportunity. A huge thank you to everyone who has championed my success and supported and encouraged me as an emergent and ever-evolving teacher — here's to developing and deepening even more creative solutions to climate action education ahead!"

As the sole Canadian among five teachers, Olscamp captivated judges with [his initiatives](#) within the classroom, raising awareness among students about the pressing challenges of climate change and nurturing creative thinking to address them. His presentation included four meticulously crafted lesson plans derived from our ground-breaking climate action program, offering diverse perspectives on the intricacies of extreme weather and climate change.

Olscamp will be invited to an exclusive Climate Change Program hosted at Oxford Saïd Business School next spring. Second and third-place recipients Laxmidevi Upadhyay from Udaychal High School in Mumbai, India, and Michael Jones from Northfleet Technology College in Northfleet, UK will attend remotely.

Before the commencement of the challenge, a thorough review process by 21 judges evaluated over 600 entries, making it one of the largest global competitions dedicated to confronting climate change. The entire campus extends its heartfelt congratulations to Olscamp and the two other finalists, and gratitude to The Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford for hosting this event.

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