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Serving as an Intern for the Stone Soup Leadership Institute has been a wonderful experience. Being a part of their first Future Teacher Workshop has given me treasured memories along with new friends. I was able to witness the tremendous effort the Institute put into every workshop to make it great for future teachers, like myself. The Institute's ultimate goal was to make sure everything was perfect so that our friends joining us would have a memorable experience and that it was executed perfectly. Participants had a lovely time learning more about sustainability.

The main goal was to teach our fellow future teachers the importance of sustainability and how adding even a little bit into a lesson plan can make astounding efforts towards educating the public, and especially young minds. Being at the workshop and helping to design activities with the Institute's team was a wonderful way to think about how I can add sustainability to my own lesson plans. No matter what subject one plans on teaching, it is always possible to enlighten others about the environment and make students aware of what is happening on our planet.

Letting my fellow future teachers understand that they can include sustainability in their lessons in all disciplines was inspiring. I really enjoyed seeing the glow they shined as they thought about new and exciting ways sustainability could be added to their plans. Along with the lesson plan creating activity, and Albert, a former STEM teacher giving us advice on those plans, I believe that everyone who came out of the workshop was given a new perspective on what they can do in the classroom. It was a fun experience and an enjoyable time to work with other future teachers.

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