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## **The Biennial of the Americas and the YCSA Announce the 2022 Youth Accelerator Grant Winners**

**DENVER, CO. (July 12, 2022)** – The [Biennial of the Americas](#) and the [Youth Congress for Sustainable Americas](#) announce the winners of the 2022 Youth Accelerator Grant. The top four sustainable programs were awarded a total of \$11,000 in seed capital for projects with a positive impact in local communities across the Americas. This year, grants were awarded to YCSA members from Argentina, Canada, Peru and Colombia.

First place was awarded to [Eyal Weintraub](#) from Argentina for *Alerta Celsius*, a Tech-Ed initiative fusing digital tools with environmental education. *Eau daCité* founder [Cyrielle Noël](#) won second place for an innovative experiential education program endowing students with holistic swimming skills. Third place went to [Raul Briceño Brignole](#) in Peru for his project *La Firme*, making architectural and engineering services accessible and affordable for families in Latin America. And fourth place was awarded to [Witiman Canacue Ortiz](#) for *Aquaponics for Life*, making healthy farm products accessible to communities in Colombia.

The Biennial of the Americas launched the [Youth Accelerator Grant \(YAG\)](#) in 2020 as a sustainable initiative kickstarter for YCSA member projects with a positive, local impact in communities across the Western Hemisphere. The [Youth Congress for Sustainable Americas \(YCSA\)](#) is a robust network of more than 88 influential leaders from 15 countries in the Americas committed to forging new forms of cooperation and leadership for a sustainable future.

### **About the Biennial of the Americas**

The [Biennial of the Americas](#) (The Biennial) builds connections, creates community and inspires change across the Americas through a multi-day festival in Denver every other year and ongoing leadership

summits in Canada and Latin America. Due to its location on the North-South axis, this Denver nonprofit organization was launched in 2010 to enhance, celebrate and discover the cultural and economic connections between North and South America. The Biennial assembles the most innovative leaders in the western hemisphere to identify unique opportunities and solutions to our shared challenges. For more information, visit <https://www.biennialoftheamericas.org> or engage with the Biennial on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) (@thebiennial), [Twitter](#) (@thebiennial) or [LinkedIn](#).

### **About the Youth Congress for Sustainable Americas**

The [Youth Congress for Sustainable Americas](#) was launched in 2017 as part of a partnership between the Biennial of the Americas and the Nature Conservancy with the objective of connecting young leaders working towards sustainable goals across the Americas while stimulating and fomenting Climate Action Initiatives. Today, the YCSA has more than 88 young environmental leaders from 15 countries in North, South and Central America representing a broad-based citizenry of young leaders, community activists, and professionals committed to forging new forms of cooperation and leadership for a sustainable future. For more information visit <https://www.biennialoftheamericas.org/ycsa> or engage with the YCSA via [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) (@ycforamericas) or [LinkedIn](#).

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