

**Respect
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EcoFest 2021



New York City College of Technology

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Thursday | April 22nd

9:30am - 5pm

Welcome (9:50 am)

Russell K. Hotzler, President, New York City College of Technology, CUNY

Environmental Justice (10:00 am)

1. **Eric Wood**, Hudson Valley Regional Coordinator, NYPIRG
2. **Masoom Maitra**, Director, El Puente Green Light District Toxic Air Quality in North Brooklyn (South Williamsburg)
3. **Santosh Nandabalan**, New York Organizer, Food and Water Watch

Innovative Technologies (11:00 am)

1. **NYS Wind Power Project**, Sunset Park, Industry City- Wind Turbine Assembly Plant
2. **Walter Meyer**, Principal Urban Designer, LOLA - Local Office Landscape, Resilient Power Puerto Rico, Reason to Change Power Grid Conditions
3. **Alan Robock**, Associate Director, Center for Environmental Prediction, Rutgers University, Risks and Benefits of Geo-Engineering

Resilient 21 / Policy-Laws and Regulations (12:00 pm)

Biden Administration- First 100 Days of Change

1. **Marissa Aho**, Chief Resilience Officer Houston
2. **Laurie Schoeman**, National Director, Resilience and Disaster Recovery, Enterprise Green communities
3. **Stewart Sarkozy-Banoczy**, Resilient Cities Network

Green Jam (1:00 pm)

1. **City Tech Student Government President** Let's Turn This World Around!
2. **Student & Faculty 180-Second Video Challenge** (Most 'Liked' Videos)
3. **City Tech Questions For New York City Mayor Candidates Survey Responses** (*We will pose the questions to the mayoral candidates during the conference and will then post the your questions on our campus' sustainability web page*)

Culture and Communication (2:00 pm)

1. **Bill McKibben**, (Video Presentation) Author, Founder 350.org "Where we are in the fight against climate change, what new opportunities arise with the Biden administration, and what folks should be doing to make an impact now."
2. **Jill Kubit**, Director, Co-Founder of Dear Tomorrow
3. **Catherine Harris**, University Of New Mexico, Assistant Professor of Landscape, Architecture, Art and Ecology, Principal Investigator-Red Water Pond Road Community in the Navajo Nation

Food and Climate Connections (3:00 pm)

1. **Elizabeth Royte**, Author, of the books Garbage Land, Bottlemania, and numerous articles on food science and the ecosystem including "Compost King of Queens" for the NY Times
2. **Thomas Philpott**, Author, has written extensively on food justice and environmental issues and is the author most recently of Perilous Bounty
3. **Bruce Friedrich**, Co-founder of the Good Food Institute, author of many articles on diet and climate and the book Clean Protein

and much more, including oral presentations from students and professors.