

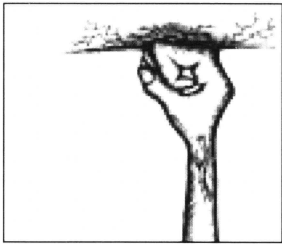
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Bioneers return

By Lily Bick

Seniors Eva Faber, Cerina Gordon, and Andrew Randall attended the 7th annual Connecting for Change: A Bioneers by the Bay Conference in New Bedford recently. They went as part of the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative (MVYLI). The students traveled to the conference with Marianne Larned, the execu-

tive director of the Stone Soup Leadership Initiative.

The Bioneers conference is a three-day program that aims to bring together a diverse group of people and promote positive changes in their communities. Innovators who specialize in the environment, industry, and social justice help to raise awareness of healthy food and activities, farming, youth empowerment, spiritu-

ality and sustainability through keynote presentations and workshops. Speakers such as Graham Hill, Carlos Moreno, and Jodie Evans talked about consumerism, crime, and overcoming powerlessness with members of the conference. Workshops included "Storytelling for Social Change," "Overcoming the Barriers to Improving School Food," and "Learning to Lead."

One workshop, "What is a Food Forest? The Human Habitat Paradigm," described the Food Forest

program at Hampshire College. Andrew Randall appreciated the workshop. He said, "The trip really opened my eyes to some of the problems our world is facing and inspired me to change some of my views and every day activities."

MVYLI is "A great way for young people to demonstrate what's important to them," said Ms. Larned. "They are so eager to learn."

To become a part of MVYLI, an applicant must answer the questions "What is your dream for your life, for the Island, and for the

world?"

Anyone can be nominated by his or her friends or one of the 241 nonprofit organizations on the Island, like the Farm Institute. The next Youth Summit is in June. Echoing the central mission of MVYLI, which is to train the next generation of Island leaders to build a more sustainable world, Ms. Larned said, "We always want to have young people who want to be leaders."

OAK BLUFFS

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Young Islanders Eva Faber from Edgartown, Andrew Randall from Chilmark, and Cerina Gordon from West Tisbury are developing Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative's Sustainable Vineyard 2020 Report and Map. They will present it to the Town of Tisbury Selectmen,

the first town to vote to become a Green Community being developed by Town Administrator John Bugbee.

EDGARTOWN

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The industrious Eva Faber is continuing on her trajectory to becoming a future leader. Along with two other students, she represented the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative at the seventh annual Connecting for Change: A Bioneers by the Bay Conference. Presented by the Marion Institute, the internationally acclaimed solution-based event brings to-

gether 100 presenters and 50 workshops — innovators from green business, scientists and grassroots leaders, and

people concerned with environmental and social justice, health and healing, spirituality, and sustainability in the Northeast and the world. Bravo. To learn more about the M.V. Youth Leadership Initiative, visit www.mvyl.org.