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Dear Youth Delegates,

I would like to welcome you to the 12th Annual Youth Leadership Summit for Sustainable Development hosted by the Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative. You have a fantastic summit ahead of you. From having the opportunity to work with Ocean Ambassador Dr. Sylvia Earle to sharing in the experience of the Hōkūle'a Worldwide Voyage, this is truly a once in a lifetime experience.

As a delegate from Martha's Vineyard, Holyoke or Hawaii, you will be able to share and discuss your own visions for a sustainable future, focusing on key issues such as blue education and economy, renewable energy, sustainable economic development and water management.

You are a group of passionate, ambitious, and inquisitive students from across the country with distinct yet familiar perspectives on island living. I encourage you to use this unique island connection to collaborate with one another, explore these cultural, environmental and ecological issues and share with each other how they impact you on a local, regional and global level.

I hope you thoroughly enjoy this wonderful experience and that you use this time to create a vision for your life, your home, and for the world that you want to live in. I wish you the best in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy R. Madden".

Timothy R. Madden
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