

## ***Forbes Magazine's 30 Under 30* honors Daniela V. Fernandez, CEO and Founder of Sustainable Ocean Alliance, for Social Entrepreneurship**

**San Francisco, November 13, 2018** — *Forbes Magazine's 30 Under 30* announces Daniela V. Fernandez, CEO and Founder of [Sustainable Ocean Alliance](#) (SOA), as one of the world's 30 most influential social entrepreneurs under 30 years old. *Forbes'* 8th annual list features 600 young innovators from the United States and Canada that are paving the way to a brighter future for 20 different categories from social entrepreneurs to music to energy to immigrants.

"I believe that social entrepreneurs are a beacon of hope at a time when new, bold approaches are needed to fast-track innovation and sustain the health of our planet. Today I am very pleased to see *Forbes* acknowledging the power of Sustainable Ocean Alliance's Millennials and Gen Z network, as they take ownership of the environmental threats facing their communities, bet against consensus and re-invent existing markets to benefit, instead of harm, our climate, and ocean." says Daniela V. Fernandez, CEO and Founder of Sustainable Ocean Alliance.

Daniela V. Fernandez founded SOA at 19 years of age while in college at Georgetown University. In five years, she has grown the organization to be the world's largest network of young leaders working to protect the ocean with a presence in 60 countries, as well as launch the world's first ocean-tech accelerator program to support ocean startups. It's raised \$3 million in funding to date.

The honorees endured an extensive vetting process that leveraged the knowledge and authority of *Forbes'* broad community, skilled reporters and expert judges. The 2019 list is *Forbes'* most diverse panel of honorees yet with 19-percent immigrants and 38-percent as first-generation U.S. and Canadian citizens. Collectively, the group has raised over \$1 billion in funding.

"After nearly a decade, the *Forbes 30 Under 30* list has become the most trusted index identifying the next generation of entrepreneurs, visionaries, and game-changers throughout the world," said Randall Lane, Chief Content Officer, *Forbes* and creator of the *Forbes Under 30* franchise. "Our honorees have already begun implementing fundamental change in their respective industries, and they've only just begun."

Today *Forbes* has spotlighted over 5,000 up-and-coming revolutionaries and trailblazers throughout the world who are poised to effect real change for future generations.

### **About Sustainable Ocean Alliance**

Sustainable Ocean Alliance (SOA) is a global organization that advances the impact of start-ups, social enterprises and youth-centered initiatives that are developing solutions to protect and sustain our ocean. SOA's pipeline of ocean leaders is cultivated through a chapter-based model, led by students at the high school and college levels, as well as by young professionals.

Sustainable Ocean Alliance (SOA) was founded in 2014 as a college-room idea. With phenomenal speed, SOA has created the world's largest network of young ocean leaders - through establishing a presence in over 50 countries, launching the first-ever Ocean Solutions Accelerator to support ocean start-ups, and partnering with corporations such as The Economist and Lindblad Expeditions, NGOs, and governments, including Indonesia and the European Union, to develop technological solutions that can address the greatest threats facing our planet.

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