An Excerpt from Rachel Sison's essay

"I identify as an intersectional ecofeminist. As many may not recognize, the parallels between the way society treats women and the way society treats the environment is undeniable. I plan to materialize the motivations of the prominent, and unfortunately unrecognized, women in history into feminist-driven policies and legislature. The efforts of Frances Perkins, Dolores Huerta, Lilly Ledbetter, Emma Goldman, Rachel Carson, my mother, and countless other women will carve my own feminist path once I emerge into society as an adult woman. My mother is not able to help with my current financial situation, which has resulted in the accumulation of thousands of dollars in loans. I currently work part-time as a supervisor at my job, working approximately 20-30 hours a week while maintaining a course load of approximately 12 credits here at Chapman. My legitimacy as a leader has been questioned at my job based on my gender, but my situation in this life has made me stronger and has holistically sculpted me into a powerhouse of a woman. I plan to use this for the advantage of this planet and the women who inhabit it. My passion towards these efforts are unwavering. Ecological and feminist concerns intertwine profoundly, which is why I have decided to take my academic success and use the power behind this degree to pursue a career in environmental policy, making necessary changes as an empowered woman which benefit Mother Earth, our mothers, fellow women, and generations to come."