This is the 2014 annual re-cap of the coolest, most impactful, game-changing, amazing, and inspiring updates from the IDEAS Movement!

Since 2010, IDEAS For Us has celebrated our yearly accomplishments by creating a list of the great things occurring on campuses, in communities, and in classrooms across the IDEAS Movement. As we close out 2014, IDEAS held over 124 events and has a presence in 13 countries and over 100+ schools around the world. We hope you choose to support the energy, water, food, waste, and ecology solutions we are driving in 2015. Without your support, none of this would be possible. Please visit ideasforus.org to donate.
IDEAS For Us presents the “Top 14 of 2014”

#1) Fleet Farming: The Hive Orlando produced a carbon negative, bike-powered, urban food program that is not only farming residential land but creating jobs and turning a profit that all goes back into funding the non-profit.

#2) The People’s Climate March: In September, IDEAS brought students and staff to the People’s Climate March to participate in the largest climate march in human history + attend the UN Climate Summit 2014.

#3) IDEAS @ Clinton Global Initiative: In 2014, IDEAS For Us graduated and became an official youth organization for Clinton Global Initiative University.

#4) “This is the Hive” Movie Premiere: With the one year anniversary of The Hive Orlando program passing, we created a 30 minute film, directed by IDEAS leaders Karine Guilbert and Ricardo Williams, depicting our action projects in
#5) IDEAS receives ‘Special Consultative Status’ by the United Nations ECO-SOC Committee: In 2012, IDEAS For Us became a NGO accredited by the UN, largely expanding our international presence. In 2014 we received “Special-Consultative Status.” IDEAS now has a part at the table when making decisions for UN activities, and can engage our members in drafting statements for the UN GA.

#6) Earth Month 2014: Earth Day is too important to be one day. IDEAS proudly held over 10 events almost everyday in April to rally the community, continue our projects, and engage students all over the world in education and action.

#7) IDEAS hosts ‘The Hive’ @ International Youth Summit: In April, IDEAS traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to co-host the International Youth Summit with Greening Forward of over 300 students under the age of 25 from around the country.

#8) IDEAS welcomes Evodius Rutta and Serge Djohy from Tanzania and Cape Verde for International Fellowships: From August to December, IDEAS had 2
#9) IDEAS For Philippines: 2013 saw expansive growth in Africa, but in 2014 we expanded to the Philippines because of the great work by Ray Bayson and team. Our Chapters there took part in many clean-ups and also the largest tree planting in human history to combat deforestation and climate change.

#10) IDEAS wins IREX Grant from U.S. State Dept. to travel to Liberia: In May IDEAS was chosen out of 25 other NGO’s by the USA Dept. of State and IREX to travel to Liberia to conduct a project called “Building a Sustainable Liberia”. This project conducted projects in the five pillars of sustainability across Liberia.

#11) IDEAS travels to Uganda: After Liberia, IDEAS Int. Director Chris Stampar traveled to visit our largest chapter in Africa, located in Uganda, to take action in person or over 2 weeks, hosting forums, speaking at events, + visiting chapters.

#12) IDEAS for Energy Access: In the fall of 2014, IDEAS began a long-term project to bring solar electrification and internet access in rural Uganda, led by from FSU chapter leader Justin Vandenbroeck. As program partners, IDEAS met with Facebook
#13) 1000 Trees Jax + Plant For the Planet: IDEAS For Us strongly believes in reforestation efforts, especially urban planting efforts. In Jacksonville, Florida, led by Viktor Elsaieh and Jenna Jennings, we helped launched a long-term campaign to plant 1,000 trees. We have happy surpassed that and this year we were able to fund the project based on the foundational grants we received. In addition, International chapters in Uganda, Ghana, Cape Verde, Togo, Kenya, and others have hosted ‘Plant For The Planet’ events, to educate students and plant thousands of trees in Africa!

#14) BikePort Co-Op: IDEAS Regional Director, Jacob Robison, launched community development bike advocacy program in 2014. Bikeport replicates the “earn-a-bike” program model, where youth can earn bikes they wouldn’t be able to afford by attending bike safety and maintenance courses and performing volunteer hours with selected organizations. It also fosters a carbon-neutral and alternative