



The Sustainability Advisory Council plays an integral part in advancing the environmental responsibility at Americhem. With growing concern surrounding the plastics industry, they are looking for ways to take action and ensure that Americhem makes a positive impact.

Two members, Lauren Lutikoff (left) and Phil Giangiulio (right), are playing key roles to ensure that the initiatives of the council don't fall flat. Lauren has been a part of the Americhem team for seven years, holding various roles in

engineering, research & development, and commercial sales. She was the first graduate of Americhem's Business Leadership Rotational Program (BLRP), where young professionals get the chance to explore various roles within the company before settling on a path to pursue further. Lauren is now a Development Engineer for Americhem's Engineering Resins and Color Science Group. Phil has been with Americhem for five years and is currently a Process Engineer for the engineered compounds division. Phil has been a vital part of designing, implementing, and optimizing manufacturing processes and systems within Americhem. He also played a key role in transitioning the Swedesboro, NJ location into a new ERP system, Oracle.

When asked why Lauren and Phil decided to join the Sustainability Advisory Council, or if they had an "aha moment" in their decision, their answers were spot-on. "I wanted to see how Americhem could push beyond and become a leader in waste reduction and recycling infrastructure; I was stunned by some of the recycling statistics out there and I knew we (Americhem) could do our part to help improve these," said Lauren. Phil also had a great approach "The products we make enable other sustainable solutions, so I wanted to make sure that we (Americhem) are also proving to be sustainable within the supply chain and have a positive impact; I also know that the opportunities are out there and by joining the council, this felt more empowering to achieve certain goals."

The Sustainability Advisory Council aims to achieve many goals as a newly formed group. Throughout efforts from the council, they have had the opportunity to work with colleagues in various functions at Americhem, representing the US, Europe, and Asia.



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This diverse group of individuals has provided input on ways to achieve a common goal of a lower carbon footprint.

One main focus area of these discussions is sustainable waste disposal, a topic which many people have shared a wide array of solutions and suggestions on. These ideas range from the Cuyahoga Falls, OH manufacturing location having waste converted to energy, to the Morrisville, PA location working with a local technical college to donate scrap material for education purposes. The Grand Rapids, MI location is also starting to implement new recycling methods. In the Ribe, Denmark location, Americhem is becoming a leader in sustainable waste management, tracking their waste generation closely and having most of it converted to energy. This location also runs on 100% solar and wind energy.

Lauren, Phil, and the council are working to publish a report by the end of the year that they can use as a baseline for 2024. This report will garner mostly statistics from within Americhem's current processes to see where improvement is needed. Once these improvements are established, Lauren and Phil plan to start implementing changes and tracking the progress along the way.

"We are excited to be a part of this important initiative to drive our overall environmental impact down while continuing to support many sustainable products with our material solutions. The plastics industry has a negative reputation regarding sustainability, but we know there is a lot of potential for Americhem to become a leader in this area and truly bring a positive change to all our lives," stated Lauren and Phil.

Thank you, Lauren and Phil for all the hard work and dedication that you continue to bring to Americhem and the Sustainability Advisory Council!