

PEER DISCUSSION GUEST SPEAKER

ABOUT OUR GUEST SPEAKER: DR. ANTHONY D. CORTESE



DR. ANTHONY D. CORTESE IS A PRINCIPAL OF THE INTENTIONAL ENDOWMENTS NETWORK TO FOSTER SUSTAINABLE INVESTING, AND WAS THE FOUNDER OF SECOND NATURE, THE BOSTON-BASED ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO CREATING A HEALTHY, JUST AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION. HE WAS A CO-FOUNDER OF AASHE AND THE ORGANIZER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS CLIMATE COMMITMENT, A PACT BY 685 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO BECOME CARBON NEUTRAL IN OPERATIONS AND

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DR. CORTESE WAS THE FIRST DEAN OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY. HE HAS A B.S. AND M.S. IN CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING FROM TUFTS UNIVERSITY AND A DOCTOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES OF THE HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH. HE HAS HONORARY DEGREES FROM ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, SUNY OSWEGO AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, PRESQUE ISLE. HE HAS WRITTEN NUMEROUS ARTICLES AND ESSAYS ON TRANSFORMING THE PROCESS AND CONTENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION.