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"Flowing Towards Sustainability"

Hello, and thank you for taking the time to view my project, Flowing Towards Sustainability.

Being a competitive swimmer for 6 years of life, water has always been a vital part of my life. Whether that be swimming in a regular swimming pool or swimming in a lake or the ocean I have always had a connection to the water. However, throughout my time at PLU and personal reflection, I've become aware of how pollution and unsustainable practices are threatening aquatic ecosystems. This project represents my passion for swimming and my commitment to water conservation.

The artwork features sea turtles and the shell is crafted from the bottoms of plastic bottles, representing the damage caused by plastic waste in our oceans. Behind the turtle, you'll see a collection of trash—plastic bottles, wrappers, and other debris—symbolizing the overwhelming pollution in marine environments. At the side of the art, there is a bottle filled with oil linking into the ocean, representing the devastating impact of oil spills on aquatic life.

To emphasize the urgency of the issue, two baby turtles and two adult turtles are included in the piece. These creatures are crafted from plastic, representing both the beauty of marine life and the threats they face due to pollution. The baby turtles represent the hope for the future, while the adult turtles symbolize the need for protection of the creatures already affected by human activities.

This artwork is a call to action, encouraging us to reconsider how we interact with our environment. By repurposing the discarded materials, I have presented today. I hope to show that sustainability is not only possible but necessary. The ocean is part of my passion, and through this project, I aim to inspire others to protect it.