



Sustainability @ Bellevue College

November 2011

Webinar: Sustainability in the Curriculum

This free webinar will feature topics including the top ten strategies to integrate sustainability into courses and programs, campus examples of course redesign, staff positions dedicated to integrating sustainability across the curriculum, and more. Campus spotlights include Agnes Scott College in Georgia, **Bellevue College in Washington**, and other great campus stories!

The webinar will begin at **11:00am** a.m. on **Thursday, November 17**. Participants will receive instructions two days before the conference.

For more information, please contact BC Sustainability Curriculum Manager Angela Hildre at ahildre@bellevuecollege.edu

SESF's Next Meeting

The Student Environmental Sustainability Fee (SESF) Committee will be holding their next monthly meeting on **Thursday, December 1 at 11:30 a.m. in room C211**. All interested students and faculty members are welcome to attend.

BC Squared on the Move:

Last week, BC Squared Eco Office Survey held their official orientation. Students who are interested in this exciting project can watch the full orientation, titled "Environmental Audit Survey Training Session 1," in the Library Media Center. Contact Christian.Stage@bellevuecollege.edu for details

BC Travels to Pennsylvania for Sustainability

by Megan Phan, Environmental & Social Responsibility Representative



As you may know, Bellevue College has become a member of the American Association of Sustainability in higher education (AASHE). In October, BC students Megan Phan and Sophia Trinh (picture above with Bill McKibben) and Sustainability Coordinator Deric Gruen headed to Pittsburgh for the annual AASHE conference to learn and share best practices in Sustainability from colleges all over the world. From composting to student gardens to green fees

Composting Kick Off Success!

Our enthusiastic volunteers helped promote sustainability by teaching BC students how to compost using our new trash system in the cafeteria.

Read *The Jibsheet's* full coverage about BC's composting efforts [here](#).

SSA Pumpkin Party



The Sustainability and Science Association (SSA) held a fun pumpkin carving contest! The pumpkins were then displayed at the BC Halloween Dance.

Energy Bill for September:

Electricity:

2011 - \$80,606

2010 - \$77,737

Natural Gas:

2011 - \$10,334

2010 - \$15,200



the South Bronx to Sandra Steingraber. We even got a wave from President Barack Obama!

We met so many amazing students and sustainability faculty and staff working towards social, economic and environmental justice on their campus. BC's own ASG Representative for Social and Environmental Sustainability went on stage in front of thousands and gave a shout-out to BC's Sustainability efforts and BC was recognized as a founding member of the Billion Dollar Challenge. We returned with new ideas and a deepened passion to make BC more green.

Check out Bill McKibben's message to BC students [here](#).

BC Joins Launch of \$1 Billion "Green Challenge"

by Deric Gruen, Sustainability and Resource Conservation Manager

Bellevue College joined with 32 other leading institutions, including Stanford, Harvard, Arizona State, to launch the Billion Dollar Green Challenge. The goal is to invest a cumulative total of one billion dollars in self-managed green revolving funds that finance energy efficiency upgrades on campus.

As part of the Founding Circle, Bellevue College has the distinction of being the only institution in Washington State to take the lead in making this commitment. The students of Bellevue College made this possible through an initiative that created the Student Environmental Sustainability Fund (SESF). Using a designated student fee, the SESF provides resources for student use, education and enhancement of an environmentally responsible campus.

"We're transforming energy efficiency upgrades from perceived expenses to high-return investment opportunities," said Mark Orlowski, executive director of the Sustainable Endowments Institute, which is coordinating The Challenge along with 13 partner organizations. "Bellevue College should be commended for rising to The Challenge and investing in energy efficiency improvements on campus."

Read the full article on our new website [here](#).

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