

Sustainability Logo

# Sustainability @ Bellevue College

#### **Events**

Transportation Roundtable Friday 1/28 8:45 to 9:45 am, N Building, Staff PDD

Sustainability, Better than Business as Usual Friday 1/28 10 -11:30am, L126, Faculty PDD (staff welcome)

What's Sustainability Got to Do with It? Friday 1/28 1-2:30 pm, L126, Faculty PDD.

Best Practices in Sustainability Friday 1/28 1:15- 2:30 pm, N Building Staff PDD (faculty welcome)

### **Transportation**

More than 200 employees trying a new way to get to work in January as part of the SHIFT incentive. In February the incentive will continue as a drawing for employees who travel at least four roundtrips by a mode other than driving alone and increase non-drive alone trips. Find out

### The Great BC Paper Chase

<u>Prizes</u>, good times, and the satisfaction of saving resources, money, time, and jobs!

The Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) would like to challenge the campus to come up with new and innovative ways to do better with less - specifically less paper!

We'd like to ask everyone to think more about the paper they use and make an effort to reduce their personal (and classroom) paper use by 25% this winter quarter (and into the coming year). As part of that challenge we ask you to please consider participating in the following three events:

- (1) <u>Sign the Paper Pledge</u> Pledge to reduce your paper use at BC through at least four different paper reduction strategies. (It takes less than 1 minute to fill out the pledge)
- (2) Participate in the Paper Challenge to reduce paper in the classroom The EAC is hosting a completion between the 5 instructional divisions (Arts & Humanities, Health Sciences, IBIT, Science, and Social Science) to see who can reduce their paper use by the greatest amount this winter quarter. <a href="Two prizes">Two prizes</a>(coffee/tea/bagel/etc. spreads) will be awarded to the winning divisions!
- (3) Participate the Innovation Challenge Submit your most creative idea for reducing paper use on the BC campus win a <u>prize</u> and you may see your plan put into action. (More information will be coming on this

and more on the <u>employee</u> <u>transportation blog</u>.

The 2010 Transportation
Survey results are in; one
out of three students and
one out of four employee
don't drive themselves
alone to campus. Read
more about how the
Bellevue College
community commutes here.

#### **Energy**

The best way to conserve energy is to leave things off when they are not needed. That applies to computer monitors, lights and entire buildings. By scheduling classes and events in a series and concentrating them in similar areas we can avoid heating buildings during off hours and limit heating hours when facilities aren't being used. November statistics: Energy Bill \$122,295.98; Electricity 1,005,967 KwH / Natural Gas 30,842 Therms

Sign the pledge, see the list of who has signed so far, find tips on saving paper and see how much paper we used last year at

http://scidiv.bellevuecollege.edu/eac/paperpledge.html

## Captains of Sustainability Launch!

by Terri Ramsey, Bellevue College Sustainability Intern

The Sustainability @ Bellevue College team, has been creating an employee advocacy program called "Captains of Sustainability."

The program raises awareness by recruiting members in every work team and office area to communicate with their colleagues about sustainability issues and take on small projects to strengthen and move forward campus conservation goals.

The Captains, like superheroes, work together by focusing on one theme every quarter, where issues are identified and strategies are implemented to reduce the impact of our campus community and improve sustainability. This quarter's theme is paper reduction. The Captains of Sustainability will join hands with the Environmental Advisory Committee on the "The Great BC Paper Chase".

With the help of staff, faculty, and exempt employees we can make BC a more environmentally and financially sustainable college. Visit the captains on MyBC

#### Do you want to be a hero?

Contact Deric Gruen and Terri Ramsey (terri.ramsey@bellevuecollege.edu) to learn more about the Captains of Sustainability program and sign-up to get our updates.

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Blog: http://depts.bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/

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