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BC ORCA Cards Back on Sale

Metro Transit is now collecting passenger fares after a brief pause this spring and summer due to the pandemic, but not to worry, Bellevue College's reduced rate ORCA Cards and Commuter Checks are available again for purchase. The deal is the same, but the process is now online. Students can receive double the value on their ORCA Card, while eligible staff can apply for an unlimited yearly rate ORCA Card.

To sign up, students should go online to bellevuecollege.edu/location/bus/ and scroll to the "special note" box to click on the new online application form. Cards must be picked up in person at Student Financial Services once processing is complete. Employees can email payroll@bellevuecollege.edu to find out if they're eligible and to begin the process.

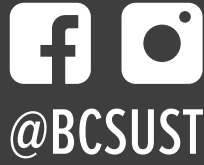
When riding Metro, masks are required and physical distancing is enforced by partitions and safety barriers. Buses are being disinfected daily and air filters have been upgraded to ensure cleanliness. Metro providers in the Greater Seattle area are taking all the precautions necessary to make rides safe for customers during the pandemic.

SSC Applies for LEED® Certification

Now open, the Student Success Center is a hub for student resources and activities. It will be the College's first LEED® version 4 certified building and is aiming to be rated Silver. LEED® stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and is a green building certification system, providing verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at sustainability. The SSC joins BC's other LEED® buildings on campus; student housing (Platinum), the T Building (Gold), and the S Building (Gold).



To learn about the sustainable features of the Student Success Center visit:
bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/sustainbc/buildings/student-success-center/



Fall Sustainability Series Recap

This year the Fall Sustainability Series went virtual with a great line-up of events! The series aims to create, foster and support a sustainability community at the beginning of each school year.

This year, we kicked off the series during Homecoming with a transportation webinar by Hopelink to learn about all the great eco-friendly and low-cost ways to safely get around the Greater Seattle area using alternative transportation. Next up, Community Supported Agriculture boxes full of fresh fruit and vegetables were available for purchase in order to help support local farmers. People were then able to use those vegetables and join our Paella Verde live cooking demonstration led by faculty member Mark Storey. We learned about the ingredients and cookware used in the recipe along with the history and culture of this traditional Spanish dish. Climate Action day provided resources and action items for our community members to reduce their carbon footprint and make a difference, as well as sign a global UN pledge or our very own BC pledge. Lastly, the Fall Sustainability Series wrapped up with a Green Careers Panel where Student Outreach Coordinator, Theo Koepf, moderated a panel of professionals in the sustainability field.

Thanks for joining us and stayed tuned for future events by checking out our website and Facebook page. If you missed an event, live recordings will be available on our website!



Energy Efficiency Improvements

The Office of Sustainability is conducting a window audit on the B and C buildings with the intent to replace old energy-wasting windows with new high-efficiency windows. How does this improve sustainability and affect you? Replacing windows improves a buildings envelope (all the parts that create a barrier between the outdoors and indoors), which has the benefit of reducing energy use. Reducing energy use also reduces the college's carbon footprint and operating costs. Installing high-efficiency windows means that it's easier for a building to keep you warm in the winter, cool in the summer, and not feeling any drafts coming through. It's a win-win!

Please help the College lower its energy use during the pandemic by shutting off and unplugging any non-critical equipment in your personal office while you're working from home. Please do not unplug anything essential such as remote desktop equipment. Practice this at home too and see the difference in your energy bill.





See our Sustainable Campus

Even though we're home right now, you can still see all the sustainability features and initiatives on campus through our online tour guide. Learn about the buildings and other services that our campus provides to help reduce the College's environmental impact and inspire social and climate justice.

Visit here to see the tour: bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/tour/

New Sustainability Focused Class

Starting Winter Quarter 2021, INDES 296: Designing a Sustainable and Just Future will be available for students to enroll.

The class will explore the many ways design shapes our lives for the good and bad. With ever-increasing importance, the class will focus on design innovation as essential during the climate crisis if we hope to improve the quality of life for everyone on earth.

Have a Project Idea to Implement on Campus?

The Student Environment Sustainability Fund (SESF) provides students, faculty, and staff a means to enhance Bellevue College's sustainability efforts and create positive social and environmental change on campus.

Get started here: bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/sesf

Energy Saving Tips

Make the Switch!

Did you know LED lighting is 80% more efficient than traditional lighting? By converting 95% of energy into light, LED light bulbs save money and energy compared to traditional lighting that only turns 5% of energy into light, while the rest is wasted as heat. Try replacing a few bulbs in your home to see how you can save!



Unplug it!

There's something lurking in your home and office...the energy vampire! It happens when electronics and appliances continue to draw power even when they're not in use. You can avoid these items sucking energy 24/7 by one simple action, unplug it!

Be In the Know!

Keep an eye out for the Office of Sustainability's future events, initiatives, and resources through BC's daily FYI Digest, our website and social media.

For any questions feel free to email us! sustainability@bellevuecollege.edu



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