

The Office of Sustainability News Delivered







### Fall Sustainability Series Recap

This year, we kicked off the new quarter with our annual Fall Sustainability Series, which included a variety of events aimed at engaging the campus community in sustainable efforts.

In the first event of our series, Community Supported Agriculture boxes filled with fresh fruits and veggies from local farms and jars of honey from the BC Beekeeping Club's hives were available for purchase and pick-up. Our next event was the Menstrual Product Drive, where donations were collected to fill the campus menstrual product dispensers. During this event, free menstrual cups were handed out to students, provided by the company AllMatters in a project known as CampusCup. This event was followed by a plogga with the Wellness Center amidst the beautiful, natural surroundings of the Southeast Middle Fork Trail. We were excited to take on the plogging international movement, which combines jogging and picking up litter, and overall ended up gathering over 40 pounds of trash. Next up in the series was a DIY Beeswax Wrap Workshop led by the Youtuber Anja Eckert of "Our Gabled Home," who provided all her tips and tricks to making this simple, sustainable swap. The series was then wrapped up with an at-home movie screening of the award-winning documentary "The Condor and The Eagle," featuring Indigenous female leaders as they face and tackle the overwhelming climate crisis in the Americas.

Thanks to all who joined us, and we look forward to seeing you at future events!



## **Holiday Crafting Event Returns**

After a year hiatus due to COVID, the BC Grounds Crew and the Office of Sustainability, hosted the third Winter Holiday Crafting Event on December 3rd and 4th. We gathered in the Grounds Shop, played festive music and got crafty! Participants created their very own wreath, wooden snow person, or yarn pegboard snowflake using repurposed and all-natural materials gathered from campus and prepped by the hardworking Grounds Crew. Everyone enjoyed visiting with familiar faces, as well as getting to meet people for the first time and make new friends. To keep with the sustainability focus, after the holidays are over wreaths can be returned to campus where Grounds Crew will dismantle them and compost the natural materials, while the wire and frames will be used again for next year's event!



# New Justice Book Display in the Library

Check out the new Justice Corner inside the BC Library! They're highlighting Climate Justice and Social Justice books that students, faculty, and staff can borrow. From books on sustainable fashion to the climate crisis to environmental racism, you're covered in a wide range of topics. Ask a librarian about these and other titles, including films!

#### Join the Climate Justice Club

Climate justice Club is back and looking for new members!

Firdous Khezrian is the club's new president and leading its revival. CJC's mission is to advocate for climate justice through outreach, education, and direct actions like protests. Become a member and be a part of a network of fellow climate activists!

If you are interested or have questions please email firdous.khezrian@bellevuecollege.edu



### Winter is Coming

Learn about Metro's tools for cold, wet, and windy weather!

Visit MetroWinter.com for information on how to travel during snow and other difficult weather. Whether you're taking bus, Access paratransit, the Water Taxi, or on-demand services, Metro has you covered. Look for updated snow brochures on buses and other modes with helpful winter weather travel tips.

To be in the know for bus changes, sign up to receive Transit Alerts via text and email for the bus routes you rely on by visiting: kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/alerts-updates/signup.aspx

Metro also has an excellent resource filled with tips for preparing for riding during winter weather at the Metro Matters Blog here: kingcountymetro.blog/2021/11/16/getting-ready-for-winter-metros-got-tools-for-cold-wet-and-windy-weather/

# 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.

The next meeting is January 27th, with a deadline for proposals at noon on January 26th.

Get started here:

bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/sesf

## **Sustainability Tips**

### Wrap it Up

Have a waste-free holiday! Wrap gifts with recycled and repurposed materials. Think newspaper, totes, baskets, and cloth!





### **Shine Bright**

Shining extra bright this holiday season? Use LED holiday lights and save on your energy bill! LED lighting is 80% more efficient than traditional lighting.

#### 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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