

APRIL 18-22

## EARTH WEEK 2022 CLIMATE VOICES

## Earth Week Coming Soon: April 18th–22nd

Make sure to mark your calendars for BC's annual Earth week celebration on April 18-22! The week will be filled with speakers, workshops, discussions, films, and much more! There are great sessions from our wonderful BC faculty, as well as guest speakers from near and far!

The theme this year is "Climate Voices: Sharing, listening, and taking action together", which centers the importance of conversations, storytelling, and the sharing of knowledge as a powerful tool to spark action and build hope for a sustainable and just future.

The week will be a hybrid format with events being either in-person, virtual via Zoom, or both. See you there!

Sessions for Earth Week are still being finalized and added to the schedule, so make sure to check frequently for updates here: [bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/events/earthweek/](https://bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/events/earthweek/)

## Student Housing Electricity and Water Conservation Competition

On February 7-21, the Office of Sustainability ran the first ever Student Housing Electricity and Water Conservation Competition as an effort to educate, engage, and make a difference in utility consumption at Student Housing. Wing communities within housing competed against one another to see who could reduce their electricity consumption the most as well as make a conscious effort to reduce water use over a 2-week period. 3 West was the winner for having the largest percentage reduction in electricity usage and every community in housing improved compared to the first week of the competition! Way-to-go!



For more information on the competition visit:  
[bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/events/student-housing/](https://bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/events/student-housing/)



## New Water Filling Stations on Campus

Bellevue College is improving equitable access to free, filtered drinking water on campus by installing new water bottle filling stations. The additional stations have updated technology, are ADA compliant, and are touchless and spout-less to lower the risk of virus spread.

Locations were determined through a survey conducted by the Office of Sustainability to identify the areas of need across campus. After compiling survey results, areas were then reviewed by plumbers and electricians to assess installation feasibility.

In addition to enhancing equitable access to drinking water, this project also makes strides towards BC's sustainability goals. With more filling stations on campus, there's increased opportunities to use refillable water vessels, resulting in diminished reliance on single-use plastics and therefore reducing the college's waste stream. The stations also conserve water by utilizing sensor technology that shuts off immediately after a bottle is removed.

A special thank you to the Capital Projects Fund and the Student Environmental Sustainability Fund for making this project possible.

And remember, whenever possible, please use reusable water bottles to help support Bellevue College's sustainability goals!

## New Class Alert!

Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) course **"Imagine a World"**

Want to create a better world? Consider signing up for the Spring 2022 Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) course Imagine a World. If you complete this course, you get credit for ANTH& 206 (Cultural Anthropology) and EITHER ENGL&101 (English Composition) OR ENGL 271 (Expository Writing). The class will meet on campus, MTWTh 12:30-2:20. In the course, you will:

- Read classic and contemporary science fiction and fantasy (novels by Ursula LeGuin and N.K. Jemisin and climate-themed stories) to see how alternate fictional worlds are structured, while learning concepts in anthropology about how real-life cultures are formed.
- Write creative and critical essays in response to the readings.
- In the last five weeks of the course, work with a team of classmates to construct and present your own fictional world.

For more information and/or help, contact:

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## 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.

Fill out the paper work and present to the SESF committee for the opportunity to get your project funded!

Get started here: [bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/sesf](http://bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/sesf)

## Sustainability Tips

### Soak up the Rays!

Spring is here! Open your window blinds to light up your space with natural light. Not only does it save energy, but you also get to enjoy more sun!



### Quavo, Takeoff, & Carbon Offset

Traveling somewhere by plane for spring break? Flights can have a large environmental impact. Make sure you offset your carbon emissions with programs such as NativeEnergy or others that are third-party verified by an independent, reliable party such as Gold Standard, Green-e, and Verified Carbon Standard.

## 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](mailto:sustainability@bellevuecollege.edu)



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