



Earth Week Recap

BC's 23rd annual Earth Week was a success! This year's theme was "Climate Voices: Sharing, Listening, and Taking Action Together". The campus community came together and learned about a variety of topics that ranged from interfaith perspectives on the climate crisis, climate policy, repairing items to keep them out of the landfill, renewable energy, the history of the Duwamish River, and so much more. Thank you to everyone who participated and joined in on the events. Over the course of the celebration, there were 27 events, over 450 participants, and 100 trees given away! We hope everyone takes what they learned and continues to have meaningful conversations with their peers, colleagues, neighbors, friends, and family.

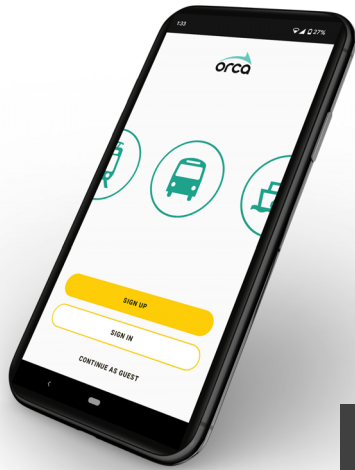
A special thank you to the faculty and staff that volunteered their time and expertise to lead a session- BC's Earth Week would not be possible without them!

New State Law Improves BC's Menstrual Product Program

BC's menstrual product program has expanded to improve equitable access to anyone in need. Thanks to state funds, nine new dispensers have been installed and more menstrual products have been purchased. House Bill 1273, a new state law, requires colleges and universities to provide free menstrual hygiene products by the beginning of the 2022-23 school year and Bellevue College is off to a great start. The new normal on campus is free, accessible menstrual products for all!



For more information and to learn more about the Menstrual Product Dispenser Program visit: <https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/dispensers/>



New and Improved ORCA System

On May 16th, ORCA transit's new website and smartphone app launched along with updates like real-time value loading capabilities. Customers will also begin to see new card readers and vending machines as technology is updated and rolled out at transit locations throughout the region. This will mark the start of ongoing improvements to the ORCA system over the next several years.

Current ORCA users do not need to get a new card at this time but BC students are encouraged to register their cards on the new website, myORCA.com.

To learn more about this new system update and to get started either visit: myORCA.com or download the myORCA app

Get Gift Cards for Taking Alternative Transportation!

With travelers returning to roadways and the restoration of transit services in Bellevue, it is now safer and more efficient to get to and from work, go shopping, or head to other destinations using non-drive-alone modes. Help BC reduce greenhouse gas emissions and hop on your favorite bus route, walk, bike, carpool or start up or join a vanpool. Log 25 days of these trips in Bellevue and you'll receive a \$50 gift card for your choice of Hulu, Spotify, REI, Shell gas, ORCA cards or vouchers for ORCA e-purse/vanpool. Do 8 days and get your choice of a \$25 gift card or log 50 days and be entered to win a pair of Boise noise cancelling headphones!



Garden Kick Off

On June 9th, the Garden Club Club, the Office of Sustainability, and the Black Student Union kicked off the summer growing season with a seed planting demo and garden work party. We braved the rain and planted beans, tomatoes, onions, peppers, corn, beets, and more! There's still weeding, watering, and maintaining to do before harvesting later in the summer, but we're excited to eat fresh, organic fruits and veggies when the time comes!



If you'd like to help out, get involved, or learn more about the garden club in general email: sustainability@bellevuecollege.edu

Water Bottle Filling Stations Update

As of May, all 20 water bottle filling stations have been installed on campus and our community is enjoying accessible, filtered drinking water. Currently the stations have saved over 14,125 bottles so far. Way to go BC in reducing our plastic waste!

World Environment Day

World Environment Day 2022 happened on June 5th. Even if you missed it, it's not too late to celebrate and do your part!

The World Environment Day organization website provides a detailed practical guide on things you can do here-
<https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/get-involved/practical-guide>.

You can also build your own Earth Action Number, where you can set goals for yourself on what action you want to take-
<https://action.worldenvironmentday.global>

And overall, just keep finding new ways to get involved and educate yourself!

Bike Everywhere Month

May is Bike Everywhere Month! Although that month has passed, we have compiled a list of some great resources you can use to keep riding through the summer here:

bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/2022/06/24/bike-everywhere-month/

Make sure to check out the on-campus resources too! We have a bike fix-it station and a practice metro bike rack located in the parking garage right next to the bus shelter!

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.

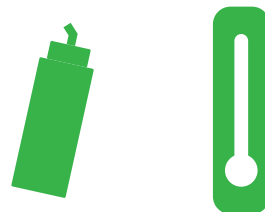
Fill out the paper work and present to the SESF committee for the opportunity to get your project funded!

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

Sustainability Tips

Fill 'Er Up!

Stay hydrated this summer! Be sure to use a refillable water bottle, and if you're on campus, try out one of the new and improved filler stations!



Don't Touch the Thermostat

To stay cool this summer while using less energy, try opening your doors and windows every morning to let the crisp morning air in. Then during the day, shut your blinds to keep the warm sun from heating up your space.

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!
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