

THE GREEN CARRIER



The Office of Sustainability
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Graduate, Donate, Giveback

This year, BC grads were able to donate their gowns after Commencement, and as a thank you, received a voucher for a free pizza at Tutta Bella Neapolitan Pizzeria! Gowns will be laundered and offered for students applying for gown fee waivers at next year's Commencement. This reuse program will reduce waste and enable future graduates to attend Commencement at no cost.

Have a gown you want to donate from this year's Commencement? Reach out to sustainability@bellevuecollege.edu

Bike Month Recap

Bike Everywhere Month was established in 1956 by the League of American Bicyclists. Since then, every May this event encourages folks to add biking to their commute and reduce gas emissions.

This year, the Office of Sustainability ran a Bike Challenge to encourage BC students, staff, and faculty to bike more. Participants input their bike mileage, and the top three riders won prizes! This year Jonny Diehl won, with 143.3 miles.

Along with the Bike Challenge, our office hosted a bike maintenance workshop with Cascade Bike Club where riders could expand their knowledge of maintenance, repair, and safe riding. We also hosted a Celebration Station to give away useful biking accessories to campus and encourage biking throughout the year!

Want to bike but don't have one yet? For \$45 per quarter, you can rent a bike with all the equipment included. This is a great option if you are looking for a faster way to commute, or thinking about buying a bike and would like to try it first! For more information or to rent a bike, please send an email to transportation@bellevuecollege.edu.





To sign up for the Robinswood Park Restoration event alongside a full list of Sustainable Summer events
Visit: bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/events/summer-events/

Sustainable Summer

Join our upcoming forest restoration event at Robinswood Park on July 27th from 9am-12pm! Just across the street from BC, Robinswood offers acres of forest and walking paths. Bellevue Parks Department and the Sustainability Office are partnering to offer a way for students, staff, and faculty to help our local parks thrive.

As a thank you, folks who join the stewardship event will be treated to popsicles at the end of the volunteer time. This is a great way to learn about forest ecology, spend time outside, and get to know our local parks. Space is limited-sign up today!

Also check out our community partners upcoming summer events, and explore the great outdoors this summer!



Housing Move-out

At the end of the school year many students pack up and moved out of housing. Sometimes residents can't take everything with them and so for those items left behind, we run a donation program!

In Housing, the 2nd floor lounge is a donation room where residents can leave items they no longer want or take items they can use during move out. The program encourages residents to not trash their unwanted items, but instead give them a second life and reduce what gets sent to the landfill, while helping others in need.

This year we donated over 303 pounds and even more items stayed right in Housing for new residents to use! Thank you to everyone who participated.

Housing Energy Competition

From May 31st to June 14th, the Office of Sustainability ran the second Student Housing Electricity Conservation Competition to help educate, engage, and improve utility consumption at Student Housing Wing communities within housing competed against one another to see who could reduce their electricity consumption the most over a 2-week period. 2West was the winner for having the largest percent reduction in energy usage. Way to go!

SESF Passed Proposals

The Student Environmental Sustainability Fund (SESF) Committee had their second, third, and fourth meeting of the school year on 3/16, 4/25 and 6/9. The meetings were led by the committee chair, Jiarun Xie, the ASG Social Representative. Passed proposals included:

- Costa Rica Wellness Center and Global Wellness Collaboration Spring Break 2024 Trip
- “Breathe Easy Bellevue,” a Smoke-Free Campus Speaker Series
- Earth Week 2023
- 2 Little Free Libraries
- Diablo Lake Experiential Learning Field Trip
- Post Landfill Action Network Membership
- Office of Sustainability Annual Transfer Increase
- Fall Sustainability Series 2024

Committee meetings will resume during Fall Quarter 2023.

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.

Complete the SESF Funding Application 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

Think Before you Print

Ask yourself if something really needs to be printed. If it does, print double sided.



Replace Disposables

Wherever possible, replace disposable products with reusable ones and reduce your landfill waste.

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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