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Office of Sustainability
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WE'RE LOOKING
FOR

STUDENT EMPLOYEES

We are Hiring!

The Sustainability Office is hiring 2 new student positions for this school year, a Transportation Coordinator and an Outreach Coordinator. Both these positions work on a wide range of exciting projects to engage campus and lower BC's environmental impacts.

The Transportation Coordinator: Helps promote, plan events, and provide resources for biking, busing, carpooling, and other modes of alternative transportation.

The Sustainability Outreach Coordinator: Acts as the primary liaison between students and the opportunities and resources offered by the Sustainability Office while creating engaging programs and initiatives to foster a sustainability-oriented mindset on campus.

To learn more and apply, visit:

<https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/2023/08/02/we-are-hiring-2/>

Fall Sustainability Series 2023

The Fall sustainability Series is back for Fall Quarter 2023 with an exciting lineup of workshops, speakers, and fieldtrips. Join us for events that focus on stewardship, renewable energy in Washington, zero waste, the climate crisis, and much more. The series is happening now through November and all events are open to students, staff, and faculty.

For details and the full schedule visit:

<https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/events/fall-sustainability-series/>



FALL SUSTAINABILITY SERIES 2023



CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2023

**CHOOSE REUSABLE.
REDUCE WASTE.**



Avoids
single-use products



Substantially less
environmental impact



Uses less
energy & resources



More
cost efficient

Learn more here



Announcing: Associate Director of Sustainability, Elissa Gordon

We are so pleased to share that going forward, Elissa Gordon will be the Associate Director of Sustainability. This title more accurately reflects her responsibilities and contributions to BC's environmental and climate work, as our department has grown to accommodate campus needs. She has been an invaluable resource to our campus community, and we feel this change is very well deserved. Please join us in congratulating Elissa!

Climate Action Plan

This fall, the Sustainability Office wants to hear from you about climate action planning! As we prepare to update the BC Climate Action Plan, we are collecting feedback from the campus community to help guide the process. Take our survey today, and if you are interested in being involved in the CAP update, reach out to us at sustainability@bellevuecollege.edu. Help BC continue to lead the way in decarbonization and sustainability!

[Survey Here](#)

Reusables in the Cafeteria

Have you noticed the new reusable foodware in our cafeteria? The Sustainability Office is partnering with Food Services to bring stainless steel salad bowls and small plates to the cafeteria, in addition to our reusable cutlery. Next time you're headed to pick up lunch, choose reusable and help reduce waste (and carbon emissions!) on our campus.

Learn more here:

<https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/sustainbc/waste/waste-diversion/cafeteria-reusables/>

Solar Plus Storage Grant

Bellevue College has been awarded \$100,000 in funding from the Washington State Department of Commerce to plan for a solar array tied to energy storage on our campus! This project will begin with a feasibility study in July 2024, and will be aimed at increasing community resilience, by providing an emergency shelter and emergency operations center on campus in the event of a natural disaster.

Huge thanks to the BC Grants Department, Public Safety, and the City of Bellevue Emergency Management staff who supported the Sustainability Office in this grant application!



Sustainability Tips

Fall Cleaning

Did you know that your furnace needs regular cleaning? Throughout the year, it collects lots of dust and debris, both of which can affect the furnace's performance and could even cause a fire. Clean out or replace your furnace filter regularly and get your furnace serviced by a professional before the cold weather calls.

Tell Us About Your Commute!

Take a two-minute survey about your travel to and from BC (or your remote work/class) and be entered in a prize drawing! Data gathered from this survey helps calculate the college's annual greenhouse gas emissions as well as guide the Sustainability Office in making campus transportation decisions. Your participation is appreciated!

[Survey Here](#)

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

Candle Weather

We all love the coziness that candles provide during the cooler months, but did you know that most candles on the market are made from paraffin wax, a product of petroleum refining? A more environmentally friendly choice is candles made from beeswax — even better if you can find them at a local market or craft fair to avoid the carbon costs of shipping.

Be In the Know!

Keep an eye out for the Sustainability Office'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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