

THE GREEN CARRIER



The
Office of Sustainability
News Delivered


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If you haven't taken our CAP Update survey yet- there's still time! It only takes a few minutes, and helps us tremendously in making sure the new Climate Action plan represents all voices at BC. Take our survey [HERE](#).

Fall Sustainability Series 2023 Recap

Mountain Bike Wind Farm Tour - In partnership with the BC Wellness Center, the Office of Sustainability organized a visit to Puget Sound Energy's Wild House Wind Farm outside Ellensburg, WA. After touring the facility and getting to go inside one of the wind turbines, students mountain biked to the top of the mountain the wind farm is located on!

Arboretum Stewardship - Students joined Grounds Team and Sustainability Office staff to help remove invasive ivy on BC campus- nearly 1,800 pounds of ivy were pulled! To get involved in future campus stewardship events, sign up [here](#).

Climate Change is Scary Event - The Sustainability Office hosted a CAP listening session on October 31st, inviting the campus community to share their thoughts on priorities for the CAP update. 47 participants joined 4 stations where they were invited to share, and 56 people took the survey!

Native Plant Workshop - Pamela SeaMonster, Vice Chair of the Snohomish Tribe of Indians, joined a group of students, staff, and faculty to share Indigenous plant knowledge and storytelling. After the talk, attendees worked with the BC Grounds Team to cultivate Camas here on campus, which is an important staple food of the Coast Salish peoples.

CSA Box - Our hugely popular CSA program continues! 48 boxes including 10 different organic fruits and vegetables from local farms were sold on campus this October. Are you interested in future CSA boxes? Keep an eye out - the CSA Program is expanding with more frequent sales soon!



Meet our New Transportation Coordinator!

Meet the Office of Sustainability's Transportation Coordinator, Herman Yurevich! Herman has been with the office since summer and is working at the Transportation Desk in C106. He manages the bike rental program, answers questions about how to get to and from campus, is a bus commute expert, and helps with other transportation-related projects in order to reduce gas emissions and promote alternative ways of traveling. Currently he is in the International High School Completion program and likes to spend his free time cooking, playing basketball, kayaking, and hiking. Stop by C106 during his open hours and say hi!

For more information about our transportation programs and resources we have on campus, please visit:
<https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/sustainbc/transportation/>

Little Free Library

Bellevue College has its very own Little Free Library (LFL) and is now part of a network of over 100,000! Funded by the Student Environmental Sustainability Fund, it's located south of the Pizza Café entrance at Student Housing (H Building).

This new campus and community resource opened Fall Quarter 2023 and expands access to books as well as supports learning, inspires readers, and sparks conversation within our community.

The books in the LFL are focused on sustainability, the environment, climate justice and social justice, so stop by and take a look!

We will be running book drives in collaboration with the library throughout the year, so keep an eye out! A special thank you to the Sustainability Curriculum Committee for donating their extra book club books! Additional books were purchased using SESF funds.



If you have books you'd like to donate for the Little Free Library, please email sustainability@bellevuecollege.edu

An End of the Year Wrap Up

With the year coming to a end, we at The Office of Sustainability would like to highlight just a few of the achievements and accomplishments we have done in 2023! We are looking forward to continue doing even greater things next year and hope you can join us in doing so!

BY THE NUMBERS

THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY'S END OF THE YEAR WRAP UP - 2023

23 Climate Action Plan
Update Presentations

59 Community
Partner Organizations
Brought to Campus



51
Events



96 CSA Boxes
of Organic,
Local
Vegetables
Sold

2,900
Pounds of
Invasive
English Ivy
Removed
From
Campus

769
Survey Responses

\$100,000
Awarded Grant Funding
by Washington State
Department of Commerce
to Plan a Solar Plus
Storage Installation

612 Reusable Foodware
Items added to
Cafeteria Service



Funded SESF Projects for Fall Quarter

The Student Environmental Sustainability Fund (SESF) Committee reconvened for the 23-24 school year and have met twice to hear proposals from campus members (September 21st and October 19th).

The meetings were led by committee chair, Stephanie Nehema, the new ASG Social Responsibility Representative. mission is to promote, support, and enhance campus sustainability and is available for all students, faculty, and staff to use.

Projects funded Fall Quarter 2023:

- **Isla Urbana** – All expenses paid experience in Mexico City for 8 students to learn about rainwater harvesting systems and the Mexican water crisis.
- **Students for Zero Waste Conference** – All expenses paid virtual conference for 8 students and 2 staff to attend.
- **Fleet Electrification Accelerator Program** – Training for transitioning to electrification of vehicle fleets.
- **Faculty Common Reusables** – To provide reusable serviceware in the Faculty Commons aimed at reducing single-use items and waste.

To learn more about funded projects and the SESF visit:
<https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/sustainability/get-involved/sesf/>



Sustainability Tips

Window Protection

Keep energy costs low this winter by using curtains and shades over your windows. These window treatments help keep cold air out to make your home cozy during the winter months.

Sleep Mode

Staying inside more during the colder weather? Make sure to save energy by enabling energy-saving features on electronics and appliances. Try out low-power mode, lowering your screen's brightness or sleep-mode.

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2023



Climate Action Plan Update

This year, the Office of Sustainability is working to update BC's Climate Action Plan. Our staff has visited 22 classes across the college curriculum areas to talk about the CAP Update with students and get feedback on what is most important to the campus community in the new plan. If you would like to provide feedback- we'd love to hear from you! Take our survey **HERE**- it only takes a few minutes, and helps us make sure all voices are represented. If you're one of the nearly 500 people who have taken the time to share already, thank you!

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

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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