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Tuesday

November 11, 2014



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Wednesday

April 22, 2015



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Message from the Chair

Welcome to the University of La Verne Sustainable Campus Consortium (SCC) quarterly eNewsletter! We are excited about where we and the campus are heading with our sustainability efforts and look forward to a great year of conservation and green initiatives.

This past year saw exciting movement towards fulfilling our institutional vision, mission, and values as they relate to sustainability. Some highlights included:

- Reaffirmation of our institutional pledge to the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC);
- Becoming the second institution of higher education in California (and 44th in the nation) to sign the Billion Dollar Green Challenge, pledging to create a Green Revolving Fund equal to 1% of our endowment to be used for environmental projects;
- Completing a number of water-saving projects such as faucet retrofits and drought-tolerant plantings that will save over a million gallons of water a year;

- Completing a number of lighting retrofit projects that will reduce electrical usage by 210 MMBTU/year.

I am pleased to report that in the first quarter of this year we have completed an additional five sustainable projects that will increase our utility savings to 596 MMBTU/year. When combining last year's projects with those done in the first quarter of this year, the University will have abated carbon equivalent emissions of 79 MTCO₂E (Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent) and those reductions will continue to grow each year.

The SCC welcomes participation and input from faculty, staff, students, and friends of the University interested in sustainability. All are welcome to attend our monthly meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month from 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. in the Hogan Room 160 inside the Wilson Library...see you there!

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EARTH DAY 2014 - Dr. Dawn Witt led students and the community this past

April in a special Children's Earth Day celebration.

Please see the video on the following link: <http://youtu.be/xq035jqlwM>

Do you have ideas for Earth Day 2014?

Please contact Dr. Christine Broussard at cbroussard@laverne.edu



Please join student club "Students Engaged in Environmental Discussion and Service" (SEEDS) for monthly environmental clean-up hikes.

Contact Candace Garlow for more information at Candace.Garlow@laverne.edu

SEEDS meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:15 p.m. in the PDR



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Did You Know?

SUSTAINABILITY

Number of water bottle filling stations on campus?

8

Student Organization who initiated the water bottle filling station project in 2010?

ASULV

Number of water bottles saved as a result of one single station at the Abraham Campus Center as of August 1, 2014?

58,041



As recognized industry leaders in sustainable initiatives and advanced education across the country, the University of La Verne became an Institutional member of the USGBC in the summer of 2014.

Facilities Update- —New Sustainable Initiatives in Water Conservation

The Facilities Management department has been continuing the University's efforts to conserve water across campus this summer. Recently, work was completed on four major turf conversion projects: Stu-Han Residence Hall, Brandt Residence Hall, the Avenue of Trees (in front of the Chapel), and the Counseling and Psychological Services building. All existing turf was removed and replaced with drought-tolerant plant material and new drip irrigation systems. These conversions are estimated to save more than 1.1 million gallons of water every year. The Facilities Management staff also completed the change out of 114 water faucets, replacing them with new water-efficient units in each of the University's residence halls. The new faucets are projected to save several thousands of gallons of water each month. These efforts are a continuation of previous sustainable initiatives completed last year, which saved an estimated 800,000 gallons of water.



In Context—

An academic seminar series designed to develop awareness of humans and the environment upon which we depend.

Collectively, this series can be transformative. The perspectives revealed in this series are quite distinct from those presented in the popular media. The discussion period after each showing provides an opportunity to reflect, critique, and expand upon the topics. Each video provides enhanced awareness in a specific environmentally related area. Together they provide a view of the world much different than that held by the general public. They challenge us to align our actions with our values in ways that may seem unthinkable in the typical American frame of mind. Come join us and add your thoughts.

(Video suggestions are welcomed. Send them to any SEEDS member or to Jay Jones jjones@laverne.edu)

Upcoming offerings for Fall 2014

- Oct. 3 The Fruit Hunters – This is a must see complement to the first flower. It is chapter 2 for angiosperm reproduction and evolution.
- Oct. 10 Soylent Green – classic film that depicts life on a crowded and polluted planet. Come see what's for dinner in 2022.
- Oct. 17 The Age of Stupid – Another futuristic movie reflecting on the effects of decisions we are making today. "Flex Movie Night"
- Oct. 24 Genetic Chile – A reminder of the broad impact of GM food technology.
- Oct. 31 The World According to Monsanto – Learn about the world's largest corporate agricultural phenomenon. The green light has been given for 2,4-D ready GM crops.
- Nov. 7 Tar Creek – This is an interesting documentary describing the Tar Creek superfund site. Get the lead out and stop on by. Followed by some commentary on local lead issues!
- Nov. 14 Trashed – Is trash, a problem or much ado about nothing?
- Nov. 21 Tanzania Times Four– Cassandra Armstrong will present an account of a recent trip to Africa, describing animals, plants, the marine environment, and the culture. This promises to be a stellar opportunity to gain insight into the current state of the environment in this part of the world.
- Nov. 28 Thanksgiving - no program this week
- Dec. 5 What would Jesus buy? – a critique of American consumerism. Just in time for the solstice holidays!
- Dec. 12 Addicted to Plastic – Another book end to remind us of the impact of plastics on us and the environment.

7:00 PM Friday, La Fetra Auditorium, unless otherwise posted

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