

September 2026

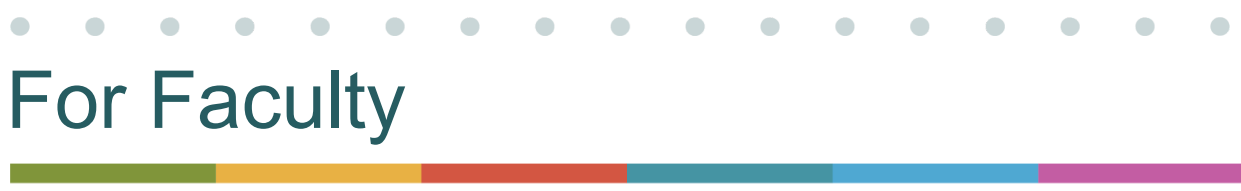


Sustainability at Mt. SAC

The three pillars of sustainability are **PEOPLE**, **PLANET**, and **PROSPERITY**.

Welcome Back Mounties!

Congratulations on wrapping up your first week of Fall 2026! To our new Mounties, we would like to dedicate this month's newsletter to introducing you to the many ways our campus community supports each other and our planet. We will share some of the many services our community has to offer to new and returning students. These services uphold the principles of people, planet and prosperity for all. This newsletter also highlights opportunities to apply sustainability in all aspects of our lives, on and off campus, as well as in our local communities. All of which are dedicated to supporting our students and community members and building an equitable and sustainable future for all.



For Faculty

Go Green, with ECOSIA!

ECOSIA is the largest not-for-profit search engine that makes climate action easy; dedicating 100% of its profits to planting trees and investing in renewables! Combat the climate crisis while you search the web! Activism, made easy, join the movement and download this free alternative web browser on their [website](#). Join us in making a difference, one search at a time. Try it for yourself and spread the word to staff, students and colleagues!

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USGBC-CA CARBON FORWARD SUMMIT 2026 Theme: Building Towards the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games

As California prepares to host the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games, it gives the region a rare chance to show how major investment in buildings and infrastructure can drive lasting change. Carbon Forward is California's annual event for advancing lower-carbon materials and sustainable construction, convening architects, engineers, developers,

manufacturers, policymakers, and building owners to move innovation into standard practice.

Expect sessions on lower-carbon concrete, steel, mass timber, and other materials, procurement strategies, circular construction, and policy developments, alongside real-world case studies.

September 17, 2026 | 10am - 5pm | La Kretz Innovation Campus (LKIC) | Los Angeles, CA

Tickets on sale on the [USGBC website!](#)



For Students

Rainbow Rack

The Pride Center's [Rainbow Rack](#) is a wonderful monthly clothing swap-or-take event. It is a FREE event that provides access to gender-affirming clothing. Donations of like-new and freshly laundered items are accepted but not at all required. Please bring your own bag to carry your items! The next Rainbow Rack will take place September 16th,

from 11am to 3pm at the Miracle Mile. Re-using, donating and thrifting clothing is a wonderful way to support the environment, combat the impact of fast fashion on the environment and provide individuals with a fundamental need that also affirms their gender and identity. We hope to see you there!



Mountie Fresh Food Pantry

Mt. SAC Basic Needs Resources provides currently enrolled students with free groceries! Food pantry visits are by appointment, which you can book starting one week prior to the pantry operation date. The first Fall 2026 Pantry operation date is Tuesday, September 8th; so appointments for this date can be booked starting August 30th. Please visit the Mt.SAC [Basic Needs Webpage](#) for details and schedule.

Important Information:

- Book your appointment in advance
- Bring your student ID
- Bring your own reusable bags or boxes for your items
- Must be a currently enrolled student for Fall 2026
- Can only visit ONCE a week
- Further questions should be directed to Mountiefresh@mtsac.edu



Waste Sorting & Recycling On Campus

Mt. SAC is dedicated to reducing waste and pollution on its campus, and you can help! In our mission to conserve energy, protect the environment and provide a clean and sustainable environment for our Mounties, we have provided waste bins designed for compost, general waste and recyclable materials! Make sure to read the labels on our bins found throughout campus, and make sure you are properly disposing of any waste. Remember Mounties, small actions can have a big impact and it all starts with you.



Sustainability Spotlight

Student Sustainability Awards Contest

The Mt. SAC Student Sustainability Awards Contest application due date has been extended! This contest encourages students from all disciplines to develop solutions that promote sustainability. The top 5 submissions are eligible for awards of up to \$500. Individuals, groups, and student clubs may enter. Submissions should address environmental challenges, social equity, or economic viability—whether on campus or in the broader

society—by fostering innovative approaches to a more sustainable future. Visit the Mt. SAC Sustainability Awards Contest [webpage](#) for submission instructions and details. The new submission deadline is February 1st, 2027. Applicants can expect to receive results of the contest in March 2027.



Sustainability Living

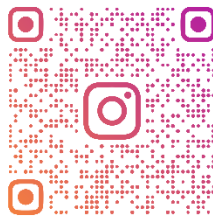
California Launches New Environmental Youth Council

Applications are now open up until September 21, 2026 for California's NEW Environmental Youth Council, which will serve as an advisory body to the California Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We encourage students who are passionate about the restoration and protection of our

environment and public health. The inaugural cohort will begin Fall 2026. You can apply online or via email. For more details regarding applications and requirements, visit the [CalEPA website](#). This is an amazing opportunity to kick off your future in sustainability and gain hands on and impactful work experience!



If you are interested in signing up for our new sustainability campus tours, please reach out to [Lauren Greenberg](#) directly.



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