

February 2025



Sustainability at Mt. SAC

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

Welcome Back!

Hello, Eco Champions!

As we bring February to a close and spring forward into the new semester, it is a perfect time to touch base with our community here at Mt. SAC and explore the multitude of services, events and opportunities our campus has to offer. The spring season is a wonderful time to witness the renewal of the environment that surrounds us and how interwoven our lives and communities are with the natural world. A colorful reminder of the role that sustainability plays in all aspects of our lives. This month, we'll celebrate local green initiatives, and inspire each other to make eco-friendly choices as the season shifts.

Let's make this spring a season of positive for our people, planet, and collective prosperity!



For Faculty

Wild Kingdom College and University Grant Opportunity

The National Wildlife Federation and Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom are offering an incredible opportunity for colleges and universities to fund their conservation projects! The 2025 Wild Kingdom College and University Grant Program provides up to \$8,500 to support projects that protect and restore wildlife and their habitats. Who can apply? Faculty or staff (18+) from any U.S. college or university, regardless of discipline.

Potential projects may include:



Restoring or protecting habitats



Researching threatened species



Conducting campus wildlife surveys



Implementing urban environmental solutions

We encourage Mt. Sac faculty and staff to explore this wonderful opportunity. Applications are due by March 15th. The application to apply can be found [on the the Mutual of Omaha's website](#). Awardees will receive funding, professional development, and national recognition. Don't miss this chance to make a lasting impact!



Mutual of Omaha

Protect Your Kingdom

LEAF Course Cohort Highlight: Spring 2025

This winter marked the completion of the 7th cohort of the LEAF training at Mt. SAC, with 10 dedicated faculty members who completed the program. Representing both credit and non-credit courses across diverse disciplines, this innovative group of individuals are reinforcing the college's commitment to environmental stewardship by incorporating sustainability concepts into their curriculum. By doing so, they are equipping students with the knowledge to apply environmentally responsible practices into their individual fields. Their contributions strengthen Mt. SAC's culture of sustainability and preparing students to create a lasting impact in their careers and communities.

The faculty who successfully completes the training are:

Sam Weber-Geography and Political Science

Elissa Saucedo-English Department

Ann Walker-Sign Language Interpreting Department

Michael Miller-Communication Department

Erik Pena-Real Estate (Dual Enrollment)

Gretchen Heimlich-Villalta-Agricultural Sciences department,

Greg Hollenbeck-Adults with Disabilities Program

Jonathan Johannsen-Computer Science

Monika Chavez-Library

Carlos Cons-Management and Accounting Department

Our next LEAF course will take place in Spring 2025. Completion of this course is available for all faculty who wish to receive "Leaf -Course" designation for their course(s) in the Mt. SAC course schedule/catalog.

For more information, please contact Lauren Greenberg via the email

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Embedding Sustainability Into Your Curriculum

PD Opportunity for Faculty

Participate in the Leaf Course



10 week-long course
(with flexibility)



Five 2-hour synchronous
meetings (Zoom)



Self-paced,
asynchronous components



Approved for up to 16
hours PGI or 6 hours PGH



Register on
POD Connect



Earn Leaf Designation for your
class(es) on course schedule

Community Colleges and Climate Futures Webinar Series

Join an engaging webinar series hosted by the Foundation for California Community Colleges and the Community College Research Center, exploring the vital role of community colleges in climate adaptation, sustainability and mitigation. This series will bring together educators, administrators, policymakers, and community leaders to strengthen local systems of education, economy, and resilience. This webinar will explore strategies for preparing students for careers in sustainability, strengthening business partnerships, and empowering communities to build climate resilience. The sessions will also highlight initiatives already making a local impact. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the conversation on shaping a sustainable future!

The next webinar session will be hosted on April 8th, you can register for this session on the [Foundation for Community Colleges website](#).



For Students

Mountie Fresh Food Pantry

Serving Mt. SAC students every other week in Spring 2025

MT.SAC is committed to providing supplemental food resources to enrolled Mt. SAC students. A photo ID is required, with a Student ID preferred. Please have your A number ready for check-in. If you do not have an ID, please visit the bookstore for assistance.

Please bring your own boxes and bags, as these will NOT be provided.

Only the student may pick up items and enter the food pantry.

Students may visit ONCE per week

- Hours of Operation: Tues/Wed 10am-5pm and Fri 11am-2pm (EVERY OTHER WEEK) starting Tuesday, March 11, 2025
- Location: 67A-103

BASIC NEEDS RESOURCES

MOUNTIE FRESH FOOD PANTRY

SERVING MT. SAC STUDENTS
EVERY OTHER WEEK - SPRING 2025



MARCH
Tuesday 11th | Tuesday 25th
Wednesday 12th | Wednesday 26th
Friday 14th | Friday 28th

APRIL
Tuesday 8th | Tuesday 22nd
Wednesday 9th | Wednesday 23rd
Friday 11th | Friday 25th

MAY
Tuesday 6th | Tuesday 20th
Wednesday 7th | Wednesday 21st
Friday 9th | Friday 23rd

JUNE
Tuesday 3rd | 
Wednesday 4th
Friday 6th

HOURS OF OPERATION
Tuesdays: 10am-5pm
Wednesdays: 10am-5pm
Fridays: 11am-2pm

REMINDERS

- Students can visit ONCE a week
- Must bring your student ID
- We do not provide reusable bags or boxes
- While supplies last!



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DREAM Program at Mt. SAC

The DREAM Program is an educational and support program at Mt.Sac designed to guide undocumented students and allies, with or without DACA. DREAM provides services and events that are carefully arranged to help undocumented students navigate Mt. SAC, academic success, and life beyond the classroom. With complete confidentiality, The DREAM program provides services including, but not limited to, academic guidance, financial aid, private and institutional scholarships, assistance with the CA Dream Act, mentorship, immigration legal services, health resources, and referrals that pertain to the undocumented experience.

Submit an application to the DREAM program [on the DREAM program page of the Mt. SAC website](#). You can also visit the DREAM center on campus in building 16E.

2025 Student Sustainability Summit

Mar 6, 2025 8:00 AM - Mar 7, 2025 12:00 PM PST

Calling all students with a passion for sustainability! The Student Sustainability Summit is a free, student-led virtual event that brings together students and professionals worldwide to share their work, connect with experts, and explore life-changing sustainable solutions. You are invited to register [on the student sustainability summit webpage!](#) This summit offers an equitable platform for students of all backgrounds to engage professionals across diverse fields—technology, science, education, policy, economics, architecture, and more. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, network, and inspire change!



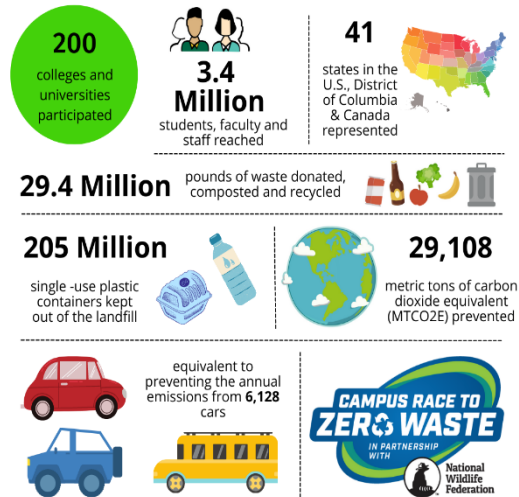
Sustainability Spotlight

Campus Race to Zero Waste 2025!

Join the campus race to zero waste! Mt. SAC is on a mission to reduce, reuse and recycle as part of a national competition comparing colleges and universities on their waste reduction efforts, all in the name of sustainability and in the spirit of working together for a greener future.



Campus Race to Zero Waste 2023



Sustainable Living

Be a Part of the Movement and take the clean earth challenge!

Launched in 2022 as a partnership between the National Wildlife Federation and Johnson Outdoors, the Clean Earth Challenge is making a difference in communities across America through volunteers that have collected millions of pieces of trash. From oceans, waterways to big cities, volunteers from all over have proved that collective action and effort lead to big results. You can challenge yourself or work in groups or with your communities. Your contribution can be as simple and easy as picking up any trash and litter you find just going about your day. Sign up here, and take the challenge today!

Make the planet a healthier place by taking the Clean Earth Challenge and help us reach our next big milestone. Every piece collected counts!

The [Clean Earth Challenge website](#) also provides resources and tips on organizing a successful cleanup!

