

Sustainability at Mt. SAC

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

Fall back into it!

Welcome new and returning Mounties! We are kicking off the new Fall semester with services and events rooted in establishing and strengthening bonds within our campus community. This month we will highlight some new and fun activities and services that will be available for new students as well as important campus resources available to all, throughout the semester. Community builds resilience and fosters principles of sustainability. Mt. SAC encourages you to take advantage of these services and resources to support your academic journey and promote sustainability both on campus and in your daily life.

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For Faculty

Coming soon, The new Foothill Transit Line 295 from A(line) to C(ampus)!

Introducing Line 295! The new Foothill Transit line that runs every 20 minutes on weekdays, connecting our campus to areas including San Dimas, Azusa, Pasadena, Los Angeles, Long Beach, and more! We encourage you to take advantage of this free and eco-friendly alternative by using:

- <u>Class Pass:</u> Foothill Transit partners with select colleges and universities in the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys to offer unlimited rides at deeply discounted rates.
- GoPass: Eligible students can ride for free with the GoPass, thanks
 to a partnership between Foothill Transit and LA Metro. That's
 unlimited rides on Foothill Transit, Metro, and other participating
 agencies. Just register each semester and you're good to go—no
 fare required.
- <u>U-Pass:</u> This program offers students a reduced-fare transit pass good for unlimited rides across multiple transit agencies, including Foothill Transit and Metro.



Wild Wonder Micro Grant Program

<u>This Micro Grant Program</u> aims to support projects anywhere in the world. Eligible projects can include but are not limited to:

- Nature journaling events, trainings, classes, publications, etc.
- Launching a new nature journaling club or supporting one.
- Other projects or materials that help people engage with nature and nature journaling, increase the number of new nature journalers, and/or expand the capacity for people to teach others.
- Grant awards will range from \$250-\$1,000 USD.



Mt. SAC At The C3CONVERGE 2025

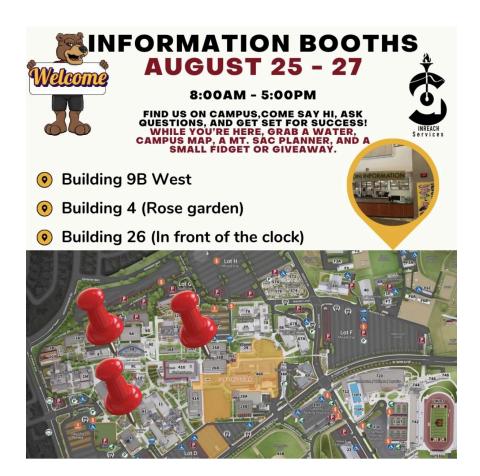
Mt. SAC has been invited to the Community College Climate Summit! Support Mt. SAC and take part in this national convening that highlights the critical roles of community colleges, state agencies, policy makers, and climate-focused organizations in addressing climate challenges. This conference will explore climate strategies, foster national and systemic collaboration, all in the name of driving climate action. This event will be held on September 29-30, 2025 in Anaheim, California. For more information, visit the C3Converge Webpage.



For Students

In Reach Info Booths!

MT. SAC's In Reach program will be kicking off the start of the new Fall 2025 semester with info booths around campus, from Aug. 25 - 27 from 8am to 5pm! Keep an eye out for these booths and drop by with any questions, grab a free Mt. SAC campus map and planner, water, a small fidget and even giveaways! They will also be going around campus asking some Mt. SAC trivia questions with prizes available! A fun and resourceful way to welcome new and returning mounties!



Sustainability Department Info Booths!

Our Mt.SAC Sustainability Department will be hosting its very own information booth the first week of Fall semester 2025! Stop by on Wednesday, August 27th from 12pm to 1pm. We will be sharing what sustainability looks like here on campus and the ways in which our community works hard to promote the principles of people, planet and prosperity for all.



Technology Loans for MT.SAC students

Students, enrolled in at least one course, are eligible to borrow a laptop and a hotspot for as long as they continue to enroll in consecutive terms. All laptops have access to free Microsoft programs.

<u>Submit an online request</u> to borrow a laptop and/or hotspot. For further assistance email <u>laptoploans@mtsac.edu</u>.



Mountie Fresh Food Pantry

MT.SAC is proud to provide supplemental food resources to enrolled Mt. SAC students. The Mountie Fresh Food Pantry operates every other week, starting Tuesday, Sept. 9th! 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



Outdoor Educator Job Opportunity!

Are you ready to take climate action? LAUSD Unified is currently hiring Outdoor Education Assistants, across several locations. This is a great opportunity to gain hands-on experience in youth education, the outdoors and community building, while getting paid!

Find your place in the field of sustainability!



Sustainability Spotlight

Mt. SAC will be at the Net Zero Conference in Los Angeles!

Mt. SAC will be presenting at the Net Zero Conference 2025 at the LA Convention Center! The Net Zero Conference convenes climate leaders to collaborate on global solutions for change. This event is a hub for people in our industry to gather, bridge knowledge gaps, and inspire a net zero future. We will highlight our work in promoting internships, ambassadorships, and fellowships in the sustainability and environmental justice space. Visit the <u>LA Convention Center webpage</u> for more event details and we hope to see you there to support our speakers!



Sustainability Living

Sustainability On Campus

Mt. SAC has made major strides in its mission toward building a sustainable and resilient community.

- In March, we achieved a 60% landfill diversion rate in the Campus Race to Zero Waste competition.
- We placed in the top 5 nationally, amongst competing universities, both public and private from across the nation!
- This year, our student center, wellness center and athletic complex all achieved LEED Silver certification.

Here are some ways you can further support our efforts this fall!



If you are interested in signing up for our new sustainability campus tours, please reach out to <u>Lauren Greenberg</u> directly.



