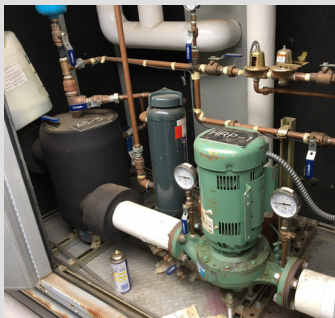


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## MONTHLY ENERGY NEWSLETTER



### Energy Super Star



Adam Holzschuh (to the left) is the new Energy Resources Manager at PCC. He is responsible for utility and energy saving programs throughout the district and looks forward to collaborating with the sustainability and facilities teams. Before coming to PCC, he worked for 12 years in the existing building commissioning field in Connecticut, designing and implementing energy savings projects for a wide variety of clients which included higher education, municipalities, and private businesses. Adam believes that energy and sustainability go hand in hand. With his expertise, Adam looks forward to identifying equipment improvements related to capital projects to help reduce energy and save money.

### **Cascade Campus Treasure Hunt**

In September, Adam Holzschuh, Jack Rasmuson (SEM Associate), Larry Osborn (Associate FMS Manager), and Dusty Farrell (Energy Coach) conducted an energy audit, AKA **Treasure Hunt**, of Jackson Hall and the Student Services Building to look for low and no-cost energy saving opportunities.

This is the fourth treasure hunt we have completed in 2022, including Rock Creek, Sylvania, and Southeast campus. We will continue to conduct more audits and implement the energy saving opportunities we find moving forward.



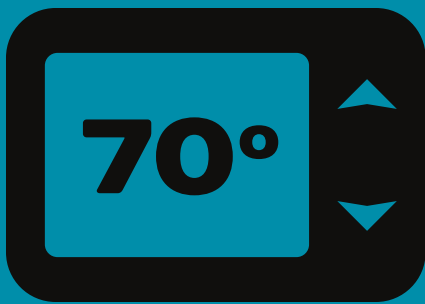
To learn more check out the [SEM webpage](#) or email Jack Rasmuson, SEM Associate, at [jack.rasmuson@pcc.edu](mailto:jack.rasmuson@pcc.edu)

If you would like to nominate yourself or a coworker to be featured in a future issue, please email [jack.rasmuson@pcc.edu](mailto:jack.rasmuson@pcc.edu)

## How Can You Kill-A-Watt?



Now that we are heading into the colder months, it may be a good time to consider how to set your home thermostat. Keeping your thermostat set at a lower temperature, and remembering to lowering it even more at night can help you save energy.



What **you** can do:

- Set your home thermostat to 65 - 70 degrees.
- Dress warmer
- Set a reminder to lower your home thermostat before bed
- Buy a smart thermostat to automatically adjust via a programmable schedule.
- Your utility may offer incentives for smart thermostats.

# ECOCHALLENGE 2022

PCC is once again participating in the People's EcoChallenge, which runs from October 5th - October 26th this year. The EcoChallenge is a fun and easy way to make a difference in our communities, reinforce sustainable habits and work towards collective positive impact. You can choose actions to curb emissions, spend more time outdoors, generate less waste, volunteer, focus on health and well-being.

You can also create your own custom actions that could include energy-saving tasks. Some ideas include unplugging devices, turning off monitors, adjusting thermostat settings, clean air filters, and making sure air vents are not blocked.

We will **raffle off prizes** to participants and be competing with other schools in the region. To sign up, please follow this link to join our **PCC EcoPanthers** team or email [jade.menchaca@pcc.edu](mailto:jade.menchaca@pcc.edu) for more information.



**ECOCHALLENGE.ORG**

If you are interested in energy conservation and want to get involved in an action-oriented committee that saves the college money and resources, email [sustainability@pcc.edu](mailto:sustainability@pcc.edu)