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Sustainability Newsletter

Winter 2026 Edition

Climate Action Plan Update

We spent all of fall term reengaging the PCC community around our Climate Action Plan (CAP) in preparation for our CAP Update. To-date, we have connected with 1,100+ people, but it is not too late to ensure your voice is heard! We are still seeking input through winter term. You can fill out the [CAP Survey](#), invite us to present to your class or at a department meeting, share our work with your network, and more. You can find all the ways to engage with the CAP update on our [website](#). We hope to hear from you!

WE'RE UPDATING PCC'S 2021 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN:
RESILIENCY, EQUITY, AND EDUCATION FOR A JUST TRANSITION



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Education Station

Join members of SPARC, PCC's sustainability curriculum committee, for an upcoming online Lunch & Learn session on Jan. 28th, 12 - 1 p.m. [Go Electric! The Benefits of Home Electrification](#).

Presenters will provide information about home electrification for owners and renters.

Contact SPARC co-coordinators [Peter Ritson](#) and [Roberta Richards](#) to connect with PCC's sustainability and climate justice curriculum community or visit the [website](#).

Learning Gardens

2025 was a busy year for the gardens!

- 950+ students engaged across 50 classes
- 250+ volunteers
- 50+ internal events
- 800+ external visitors
- 2,000+ pounds of food donated

Interested in getting your class involved with the Learning Gardens or want to learn about the various events throughout the term? Check out the [Learning Gardens website](#) to stay updated.



Panther Spotlight

Today, we are spotlighting Chelsea Kimmet, Basic Needs, Sustainability and Leadership Coordinator. Chelsea leads the basic needs efforts at PCC and oversees their student leadership program which provides meaningful, action-oriented opportunities to advance the interconnected issues of basic needs support and the climate crisis. Chelsea recently received the Community College Professional Service Award at the past Association of College Unions International (ACUI) for exemplifying excellence as a leader and person of integrity.



Student Leadership

PCC's [Basic Needs, Sustainability and Leadership](#) (BNSL) student majority board just finished up the EcoSocial Justice (ESJ) grant process. This year, it was very competitive and was the most amount of applications received in the last 10 years. BNSL Student Ambassadors allocated nearly \$70,000 to fund 12 projects. We can't wait to see these projects come to fruition!

Check out the [ESJ Grant website](#) for this year's projects.

Climate Action Corner

PCC has been a leader in sustainable purchasing and recognizes its

impact extends beyond our campuses and centers. To continue this work,

we have developed [PCC's Sustainability Guidelines for Purchasing](#).

You can utilize this toolkit to make more sustainable purchasing choices in your department. These guidelines walk you through purchasing office supplies, SWAG/giveaways, and even best practices for business travel arrangements. We encourage you to check this website out next time you are making a purchase.



Upcoming Events

Share the Love Week

Join us, Basic Needs, Sustainability & Leadership & Student Engagement for a fun week of sharing the love through self care, crafting, and snacks!

This is an open house, please drop in as available.

11am - 1pm each day

Monday, February 2 - Southeast Campus, Tabor Hall

Tuesday, February 3 - Cascade Campus, Student Union 2nd floor lobby

Wednesday, February 4 - Rock Creek Campus, Building 5 room 122

Thursday, February 5 - Sylvania Campus, CC Upper Mall

Volunteer Opportunities

Learning Garden Fall Volunteer Hours

Cascade Campus: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12 - 3pm

Rock Creek Campus: Tuesday-Friday, 10am - 1pm

Southeast Campus: Mondays and Wednesdays, 12 - 3pm

Sylvania Campus: Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30am - 1:30pm and Thursdays, 9:30am - 1pm

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