Central Community College

3C Initiative

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Green Today … Greener Tomorrow

Environmental Sustainability Leadership & Commitment

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Vision At CCC we are striving to be great environmental stewards – for our students, community and the planet.

Commitment CCC is fostering a sustainable environment as a co-signer of two major public commitments.

Examples of Programs and Initiatives

Educating, changing practices, modeling, partnering and engaging for a sustainable future

Investments

The New Kearney Center

INITIATIVE: Fundraising and planning goal: A net-zero energy and high-performance green facility in Kearney

INNOVATION: Annual net-zero energy use and an educational living-learning lab and model for the community

IMPACT: Investing in our students and the future with today's greenest and best practices

Energy & CO_2e

The Living Building Challenge and Net-Zero Energy House

INITIATIVE: A professional development and learning opportunity for students and community members to participate in designing a Living Building Challenge and net-zero energy house

INNOVATION: CCC students in construction programs will learn how to build this sustainable home, and be able to apply the experience to their future careers (pending approval from college Board of Governors)

IMPACT: Students across CCC have the opportunity to participate in this unique learning and career opportunity

3 Years
of college-wide action to integrate sustainability education and practices with significant progress made

25+ Tons
of waste annually diverted with new recycling program

65-125+ Attendees
tune in monthly for the Sustainability Leadership Presentation Series

8 Goals
targeting all areas of the college's environmental impact

Nebraska Leader

CCC has comprehensive environmental sustainability and climate action goals.

GOALS

2014
Health & Wellness
Integrated education for personal, community & environmental health

2019
Waste
(Moving beyond) Near-zero landfill waste
Education & Appreciation
Environmental sustainability integrated across CCC learning experiences

2024
Materials & Trade
Environmentally sustainable procurement & material use
Investments
Comprehensive investments supporting an environmentally sustainable future

2029
Landscapes
Designed for personal, community & environmental health

2034
Energy & CO_2e
Climate neutral
Water
Sustainable water use, management & recovery that is integrated with nature

Education & Appreciation

Sustainability Leadership Presentation Series (SLPS)

INITIATIVE: A regional, collaborative partnership, delivering live broadcast across Nebraska
INNOVATION: A strategic partnership to increase outreach, impact and efficiency of program delivery
IMPACT: The program is reaching diverse audiences, in classrooms and community

Environmental Sustainability e-Badges

INITIATIVE: Upcoming and visible social-media awards recognizing students' knowledge and skill in sustainability
INNOVATION: Integrates curricular and experience-based learning and reaches all fields of study
IMPACT: Empowering students to take control of their own learning

Health & Wellness

Bike Share Program

INITIATIVE: A bike share program on CCC-Grand Island, available to all students and employees
INNOVATION: A grant-funded partnership with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska, and a program built with the foundation to expand to other campuses and with community partners
IMPACT: A regional model, engaging students and the public in discussion around environmental, personal and community health

Waste

College-Wide Recycling

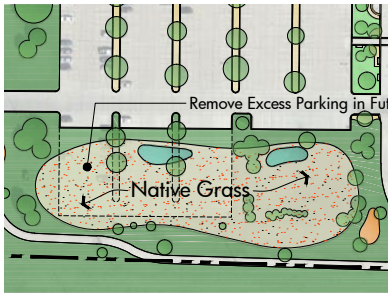
INITIATIVE: Single-stream recycling at six CCC campuses, centers and other locations
INNOVATION: The system is built on consistency across sites, for convenience, partnerships and expansion
IMPACT: Regional and visible practice for students to directly participate

Materials & Trade

e-Stewards Recycling Vendors

INITIATIVE: College-wide electronic waste (e-waste) procedures
INNOVATION: Immediate goal is to send 100% of our e-waste to e-Stewards recycling facilities
IMPACT: A regional model with plans to expand access to our students

Landscapes



Sustainable Landscape Master Plan

INITIATIVE: A long-term strategy for sustainable landscapes, addressing emissions, water, soil, native plantings, education…
INNOVATION: Educational, living-learning labs will be integrated for curricular and co-curricular learning
IMPACT: Recognizes the college's ability to have regional impact through engaging models, education and practices

Water

Reducing College Need for Bottled Water

INITIATIVE: Easy-to-use water bottle stations
INNOVATION: Established as a standard installation in all new construction and remodeling projects
IMPACT: Fostering cultural change and providing another way for students to participate in the college's 3C Initiatives

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