

Sustainability Committee Update for Academic Senate

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Sustainability Committee Update

Sustainability Committee's Charge:

- To facilitate the development, implementation, and management of Santa Rosa Junior College's Strategic Plan Strategy 4 Goal 2 and establish a culture of sustainability that promotes environmental stewardship, economic vitality, and social equity throughout all district sites.
- Promote sustainability across the five spheres of sustainability: Economics and Social Equity; Education and Culture; Facilities and Grounds; Energy, Waste and Water; and Transportation and Access
- Monitor and provide input to district-wide policies and projects, especially construction, renovation, and purchasing, to assure implementation of green practices and principles, in coordination with the District Facilities Advisory Committee (DFAC)
- Network with campus and community sustainability organizations and develop student trainings, events, and internships; coordinate with Student Sustainability Committees and clubs.
- Create professional development opportunities related to sustainability for faculty and staff
- Promote environmental education at SRJC, including supporting the development of environmental courses and majors, administering the Global/Environment AS requirement, facilitating the Environmental Forum course, awarding Foundation scholarships, and assisting faculty across all disciplines to incorporate sustainability issues into their curricula.
- Monitor and provide input to District-wide policies and projects related to Transportation for students, staff, and faculty to and from District teaching sites.

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Planning & Reporting Projects:

- District-Wide Sustainability Climate Action Plan (SCAP) also known as the Greenprint 2.0. Initial draft has been created but currently waiting for next step in District Wide planning process (One Master Plan or separate little plans) followed by shared governance and department review.
- Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking Assessment Rating Tool (STARS) SRJC is member.

-Earned Bronze in 2018

-Working on second submission now.

-(<https://www.aashe.org/resources/for-faculty/>)



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Quick snapshot of STARS Academics Section

Academics (AC)

- [AC 1: Sustainability Course Offerings](#)
- [AC 2: Undergraduate Programs](#)
- [AC 3: Graduate Programs](#)
- [AC 4: Applied Learning](#)
- [AC 5: Sustainability Literacy Assessment](#)
- [AC 6: Sustainability Research](#)
- [AC 7: Center for Sustainability Research](#)
- [AC 8: Responsible Research and Innovation](#)

AC 1 Metrics

-Percentage of academic departments with sustainability course offerings sustainability-focused courses or sustainability-inclusive courses.

AC 2 Metrics

-Institution has established institutional learning outcomes for undergraduate students that include at least one sustainability-focused learning outcome.

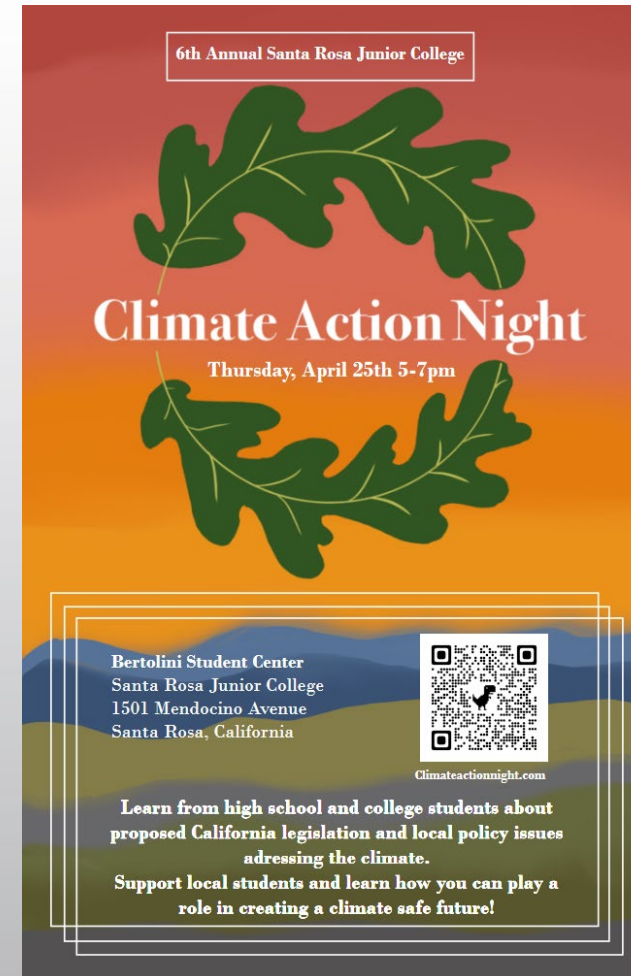
-Institution has established institutional learning outcomes for undergraduate students that include at least one sustainability-supportive learning outcome.

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SRJC Climate Action Night

“Educating the community about current legislation and local campaigns related to climate change, climate justice and sustainability. High school and college student groups present tri-fold posters, “science fair style” about California State Assembly or Senate bills, and local county and city campaigns.”

Connects Students and faculty from local High Schools, SRJC, and SSU in researching and learning about Climate Action legislations and California Civics.



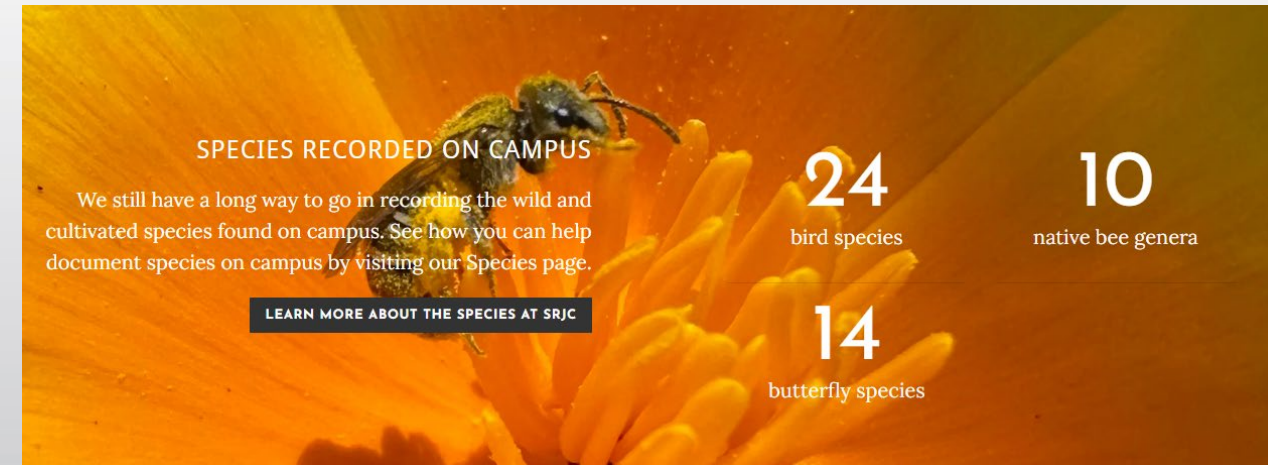
<https://climateactionnight.com/>

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SRJC Biodiversity Initiative

“The SRJC Campus Biodiversity Initiative is a collaboration between faculty, staff, students and community partners based within the SRJC Biology Department of the Santa Rosa Junior College, located in Santa Rosa, CA.”

Utilizes Campuses as a living lab with the goal of we will begin the task of documenting the biodiversity within our campuses, learn what has been retained, what has been lost, and contribute to creating and stewarding a campus that supports native plant diversity that will support the native insects and birds that depend upon them.



<https://www.srjcbiodiversity.org/>



QUESTIONS?