

SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER



Fargo-Moorhead Annual Climate March Inspires Activism

On September 24th, the annual Climate March took place in downtown Fargo. The route began at Island Park with sign making and words from the organizer Martin C. Fredricks. Earlier this year, Fredricks created his own nonprofit organization, Knights of the Climate Covenant with the goal of gathering local activists and spreading the message of climate activism. Before the March, Fredricks spoke of his reason for attending, to inspire action to make a better world for his children and grandchildren. The route of the march took attendees from Island park through downtown Fargo before congregating in front of Fargo's City Hall. Here, speakers shared their messages and goals for climate justice. One of the speakers was Concordia's own David Kelm, a senior Political Science and English Writing major and an Environmental Policy minor. Kelm spoke about the importance of holding political leaders accountable and of local activists taking action in marches like these.



Apply to the SGA Sustainability Fund

Do you have an idea for a sustainability-related project or event on campus or in the community? Maybe you're interested in doing independent research on a sustainability topic? If so, SGA has funding for you! Each year, a committee of student representatives from SGA reviews funding applications on a rolling basis. The online application form can be found in the "Funding" tab of the SGA website. Questions about the fund can be emailed to David Kelm (dkelm@cord.edu), who chairs the SGA Sustainability Fund Committee that reviews funding applications.

Sustainability Trip Leader Opportunity

The Office of Sustainability is now accepting trip proposals for HILT (High Impact Leadership Trips) over spring break (Feb. 26 - March 6). HILTs are immersive, week-long learning experiences that are designed to foster organic student leadership, while exploring a sustainability-related issue with both local and global dimensions. Each year, one or two trip proposals will be selected to venture out during the mid-semester break, and each HILT will receive \$5,000 to cover a portion of their trip expenses. Past trips have varied in topics - ranging from climate change and water quality in Florida, to sustainable agriculture in California, to biking in Bemidji, MN. If you are interested in planning and leading a HILT over spring break, contact Concordia's Sustainability Coordinator, Gabrielle Lommel (glommel@cord.edu), to express your interest and to learn more about the trip planning process.

Autumn Garden Party

As the air gets colder the trees lose their leaves, the sun sets earlier, and the fruits and vegetables in our gardens prepare to say goodbye and move into the next phase in their lives as warm squash soups, diced tomatoes in our favorite chili, or sweet potatoes on Thanksgiving. The same can be said for Concordia's garden produce. On Monday October 19th, the Cornucopia Organic Garden hosted an Autumn Garden Party. Our garden consistently employs two



student interns who tend to the garden, and the two of them gave our guests (President Craft and Anne Craft included) a tour of the outdoor garden, the high tunnel, and shared information about our solar thermal collectors that heat the high tunnel. After the tour, guests were invited to paint a mini pumpkin, sip on apple cider, eat a

cookie and chat, or plant either native pollinator seeds or garlic. Guests were also able to enjoy the bounty of produce that was collected from the garden by taking home as much as they liked. From squash to eggplants to tomatoes to jalapeños - the Cornucopia Organic Garden has it all.



Sustainability Student Leader Highlight:

Claire Mohr

Our student highlight this month is Claire Mohr! Claire is a senior majoring in

Communications and Environmental Studies with a minor in English. Claire's experience with the Concordia Speech team has helped her

foster a passion for sustainability and climate activism. By getting the chance to explore various topics within sustainability and generate her own specific interest, Claire felt the need to become more involved with sustainability on campus. Now serving as the Communications Intern for the Office of Sustainability, Claire has the opportunity to make sustainability topics accessible and engaging for students. Claire is most interested in environmental humanities and understanding the way we talk about and tell stories of the natural world can affect our treatment of it. Some of Claire's favorite classes have been Animal Stories with Dr. Steinwand and Ecosystems and Human influence with Dr. Bush. Claire highly recommends checking out the Freakonomics podcast as well as Sustainableish!



Coming up!

The Sustainability Office will be hosting a bike ride open to all students, faculty, and staff! The path will follow the Red River Corridor trail before stopping at Third Drop for a warm drink! Mark your calendars for November 11 at 4:30 PM outside KCC.

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