

# Sustainability Office Newsletter



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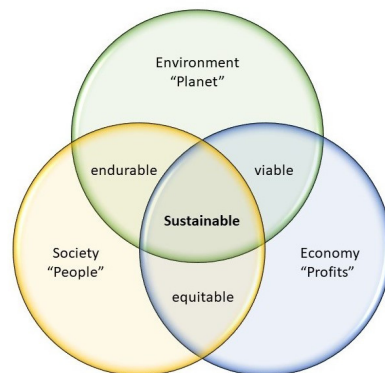
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Hello, it's nice to be with you all again. Sustainability Office here. The CSB+SJU Joint Sustainability Office to be precise. Or as we casually refer to our team and space, "the Sus office". We're happy to be relaunching our monthly Sustainability newsletter this spring! The goal of the newsletter is to keep our campus community informed and the communication lines open as we all work towards Sustainability goals.

First off, we're excited to announce the opening of our new Sustainability Office next to Clemens Library in the old Perk Coffee Shop. This renovated space gives us great visibility and proximity to student activity. As we settle in, we'll be making the office a productive workspace as well as a comfortable social space for students to gather and collaborate on all things Sustainability. Join us April 21 for an open house as décor and final touches come together this spring.

Next, we'd like to mention a few initiatives and programs we have going this spring. A plastic film recycling program has recently rolled out on campus to collect the various flexible plastic film used in various packaging materials. The campus Swap Shops are being reestablished as spaces where employees and students can drop off or pick up office and school supplies when convenient. Next week we invite our campus community to join us for a robust Earth week schedule, April 16-23. The schedule of events is a prime example of the many ways Sustainability intersects with our various areas of study and activity on our campuses.

Lastly, the Sustainability Office invites your input and thoughts regarding our work. Please reach out or stop by with your vision and ideas for a Sustainable CSB+SJU. And as our institutions begin a new round of strategic planning, we encourage the campus community to apply the principles of Sustainability to decision-making. How do we collectively serve our institutional missions while ensuring that our people, planet, and yes, profits too are justly sustained for future generations?



A standard model of the three principles – environment, society, economy – of Sustainable decision-making. "The triple bottom line."

## Earth Week Highlights

### SUNDAY:

- Earth Week Mass

### MONDAY:

- Sustainable Fashion Event w/ Carol Bruess

### TUESDAY:

- Nature Bathing
- Land History Talk w/ Peggy Roske

### WEDNESDAY:

- Northern Lights, Starry Skies Doc

### THURSDAY:

- Terrarium Making
- Paint the Greenhouse
- Theology on Tap
- CSB Sustainability Tour

### FRIDAY:

- Drag Show
- Sustainability Office Grand Opening

### SATURDAY:

- Case Day Getaway w/ PRP

### SUNDAY:

- Case Day Clean Up

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detailed earth week schedule





# Getting Ready for Spring Move Out

BY MAYA RICARD

For moveout this year, we are teaming up with CSB Residential Life and SJU Residential Life and Housing to put on “Stash It, Don’t Trash It!” Larger items, such as furniture and working appliances, will be collected at select outdoor locations on each campus to be sold in the Sustainability Office’s annual Big Sale during August move-in. Smaller items, such as clothing, toiletries, shoes, and laundry supplies will be collected inside of residential common areas to be donated to Catholic Charities. Look out for posters and communication from Res Life for information regarding your residential area’s collection locations and what items will be accepted for donation! Your trash can be someone else's treasure! Take the time and energy to repurpose your unwanted items.

# Community Kitchen

BY MATTHEW ANDERSON

Community Kitchen is a student-run organization at CSB that recovers unserved food from Gorecki dining service and partners with sites in the greater St. Cloud area to distribute nutritious meals to people facing food insecurity. Not only do we serve food to those in need, but we build and promote community through our interactions. With over 50 meal deliveries this academic year, serving over 1,100 pounds of food, and serving over 1,000 meals, we continuously rely on numerous volunteers at CSB/SJU to assist in this process. To learn how you can get involved with Community Kitchen and to sign up to volunteer, visit our page on the CSB/SJU website.



# Full Circle Greenhouse

BY JACK GRABINSKI

The Full Circle Greenhouse has been active throughout the 22'-23' academic year, growing a wide array of veggies: Siberian kale, rainbow chard, green onions, bok choy, lettuce, radishes, cilantro, spinach, arugula, dill, and rosemary. We sell primarily to students and faculty, tabling and selling in Gorecki Fireside. Kale, bok choy, and radishes are among our more popular greens. Full Circle has held six sales so far this year, the first taking place on December 5 and the most recent on March 31 with dozens of pounds of produce sold totaling \$234. Revenues go to yearly greenhouse operations.

