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GCCCD SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

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VP of the Electric Vehicle Association of San Diego, and an engineering student from UCSD, who discussed current trends in CleanTech, why San Diego is a hotbed of clean technology, and how students can position themselves for success in the industry.

The Sustainability Resource Fair welcomed several hundred high school students, and resulted in dozens of internships for college students, and three new partnerships for GCCCD. With the success of the first fair, the Sustainability Program aims to hold the fair annually and alternate between the Grossmont and Cuyamaca campuses.

Sustainability Resource Fair – Spring 2017

The first ever sustainability Resource Fair was held on the Grossmont College Quad in April 2017.

The fair connected students, staff, and the community to a multitude of companies, organizations, and individuals working on sustainability initiatives throughout the greater San Diego area.

The event began with a panel discussion introduced by Grossmont College President Dr. Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, and moderated by Lorenze Legaspi, Vice President of Administrative Services. The panel included industry leaders such as: CEO of Lumeo, Founder of Cleanspark, former Sustainability Director for the American Institute of Architects,



Above: Cuyamaca College Automotive Technology professor, Brad McCombs, teaches students about EV opportunities at Cuyamaca College and in the workforce.



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This fair could not have been possible without the outstanding support from many departments and individuals throughout the GCCCD community. Particular **“THANK YOU”** to the following: Grossmont Facilities and Grounds Departments for going over and above; Cuyamaca’s Ornamental Horticulture Department for supplying plants, soil, advice, and support; CleanTech San Diego; and Grossmont Foundations for their support.



Above: Students learned how to plant a vertical wall made from 100% upcycled materials, and propagated succulents.

What is the Energy Conservation Program at GCCCD?

- In April 2015, GCCCD partnered with Cenergistic, The Energy Conservation Company, in order to reduce energy consumption and costs associated with utilities.
- Cenergistic uses a behavior based approach to energy conservation-encouraging energy system management, adjusting “controllable” factors such as scheduling, and a focus on eliminating energy consumption during unoccupied time periods.
- Since April 2015, GCCCD has avoided consuming an average of 19% of the energy which would have been consumed without an energy program.
- Looking ahead, the Sustainability Committee will consider additional approaches to sustainability and discuss matters such as sustainable dining, transportation, waste, and more.

Energy Conservation During Cooling Season!

On Campus:

- Keep office and classroom doors closed
- Know where the thermostat is in your area and make sure that it is not being blocked or that an electrical appliance is affecting it
- Close blinds to control solar heat gain
- Dress in breathable layers
- Drink water to regulate body temperature

At Home:

- Set back or turn off thermostats when you leave for the day (85 is a typical set back temperature)
- Before turning up the AC, try drinking cool water or changing clothes
- Turn off and unplug appliances not in use- removing the extra heating load from electronics



Q&A Corner

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