



Stay up to date and get involved with the latest sustainability news and events at UCCS and in the Colorado Springs Community.

Join us in making UCCS more sustainable!



Director Musings

It's Not All About the Ratings

But it doesn't hurt. I recently shared with our University Advancement and Media Relations some recent national sustainability achievements for UCCS:

- 1 of the top 26 schools in Princeton Review Green Honor Roll
- Ranked 24 out of 279 for Sierra Cool Schools
- 9th for Energy Performance in AASHE Sustainable Campus Index*

*This is due to over 70% of our electricity being offset by renewables.

What is exciting about this list is that it represents excellence in sustainability commitments and actions across the entire campus.

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10th Annual Bike Jam

Wednesday, September 12th
7:45-9:30am | Bike Rider Breakfast

9:30am-12:30pm | Tablers + Inner Tube Olympics + Yoga + Prizes + Food

Bike Jam is an annual UCCS event that encourages alternative methods of transportation, specifically bicycles, for the purpose of living healthier and sustainable lives! Bike Jam kicks-off our UCCS Bike Month



Challenge, in which faculty, staff and students can participate to win prizes by commuting to campus.

For more information and to RSVP, [click here.](#)



Office of Sustainability is Hiring | Applied Learning & Engagement Manager

This full-time position contributes to the Sustainability Office goal to enhance student leadership and engagement and to complement the Compass Curriculum Sustainability General Education requirement with applied learning opportunities. This involves developing student leadership and building practical skills from entry to advanced levels. The Sustainability Office strives to provide student employees, active volunteers and interested students with transferable leadership and sustainability skills.

[Read More & Apply Here](#)

Honey bees call UCSC Farm home

This summer was buzzing at the UCSC Farm. Two small hives were introduced and are thriving behind the farmhouse.

Students started the initiative last spring and it was funded by the Green Action Fund. After the first two hives failed last year from harsh weather conditions, the UCSC Farm team learned what it took to have a successful hive.



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Students can ride Mountain Metro buses for free starting August 13

UCSC students will have a free option to commute to campus, or anywhere else in the city, through the College Pass Program by the City of Colorado Springs' Mountain Metro Transit system. The new pass system will begin August 13 and continue through each semester and each break period, including summers.

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Faces of Sustainability | Meet Julie Weller

UCCS has some amazing students, faculty and staff that host documentary screenings, manage our trails on campus, give funds for sustainable projects, and encourage you to 'Espresso Yourself' and bring your own coffee mug. Each newsletter, we'd like to take the time to introduce you to one of UCCS' faces of sustainability through a little Q&A.

[Meet Julie!](#)



Khan presents at Advanced Climate Policy Camp

Farida Khan, associate professor and chair, Department of Economics, led the session "The Effect of Climate Change on Developing Countries" at the Advanced Climate Policy Camp June 6-8 at American University in Washington, D.C.

Khan presented from the vantage point of Bangladesh and represented the Group of 77 within the United Nations. The international track of the camp also featured sessions from organizations in China, Mexico and Canada.

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5th Annual Creek Week

Be part of the largest watershed-wide cleanup in the state of Colorado! Creek Week volunteers cleanup litter along a creek, trail, park or open space throughout the Fountain Creek Watershed.

UCCS will host their clean-up Monday, October 1st 9:30-11:30am.

[Click here for more information and to RSVP on September 5th.](#)



Green Action Fund

Thinking about proposing a project to help reduce UCCS'



carbon footprint? Apply for a Green Action Fund grant!

Deadlines for:

Large Grant: **Thursday, November 25th**

Small Grant, Research Seed Grant, Sustainable Conference Grant: **Thursday, November 15th**

[Learn More](#)

UCCS recycles six tons of cardboard during campus move-in

As more than 1,600 students moved back into residence halls for the 2018 semester, a team of staff and students were working to make sure that the six tons of cardboard generated made its way into the recycling stream.

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