

ENGAGE UCCS STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF & THE COLORADO SPRINGS COMMUNITY WITH EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING RELATED TO SUSTAINABILITY.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY

This core strategy will...

- Provide students with co-curricular sustainability learning experiences outside the formal curriculum allowing students to deepen and apply their understanding of sustainability principles.
- Support employee engagement, training, and development programs to model sustainable behavior for the campus community.



How will we know we're successful? We will have...

1. Increased student and employee educators programs
2. Increased professional development and training opportunities
3. Consistent representation at orientations and campus programming

How will we accomplish this? We will...

1. Continue inclusion of sustainability in new student orientations and employee orientations and increase involvement in new student employment orientations.
2. Increase student, faculty, staff, and alumni volunteer opportunities both on and off campus through partnerships.
3. Create and become known for hub of sustainability internships, jobs, volunteer opportunities, research – on and off campus.
4. Create a culture of collaboration between diverse clubs, committees, and organizations to institute impactful, sustainable projects.
5. Highlight programs/projects that are influencing sustainability initiatives.
6. Create a program to motivate, incentivize, recognize for faculty/staff that are integrating sustainability into their courses, work, etc. (more casual and broad than sustainability award)
7. Identify departments and how they engage with populations and provide tools, content for outreach to create an institutionalized process for communication/marketing.
8. Institutionalize training opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to expand on sustainability topics.
9. Increase consistent awareness campaigns to educate on all topics of sustainability including climate change, social and environmental justice, energy, conservation, best practices, etc.

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COLORADO SPRINGS, PIKES PEAK REGION, & SOUTHERN COLORADO

This core strategy will...

- Provide our community with sustainability learning experiences to deepen and apply their understanding of sustainability principles.
- Strengthen town/gown relationships as a known resource for sustainability best practices and as a preferred partner for exceptional interns and volunteers.

How will we know we're successful? We will have...

1. Increased formal internship and volunteer opportunities with community organizations.
2. Increased participation from community members in campus sustainability programming.

How will we accomplish this? We will...

1. Partner with local institutions of higher education to strengthen and increase awareness in broader community.
2. Encourage campus departments to engage with community events, organizations, businesses, etc.
3. Increase alumni involvement.
4. Be recognized as a resource and leader in sustainability for the Colorado Springs community and Pikes Peak Region.
5. Encourage commuter student engagement and create UCCS affiliated pockets of community engagement
6. Increase engagement with City of Colorado Springs Sustainability & Innovation Office, PPCC, CC, and USAFA
7. Identify community-facing communication channels (KRCC, CPR, Gazette, Independent, etc.) to share sustainability-related news and announcements.