

Preamble:

In alignment with Catholic Social Teaching and our Jesuit tradition, the **Creighton University Sustainability Council's mission** is to support and advocate for lifestyle and institutional changes to create a more sustainable campus and a just, global community for current and future generations.

Mission Statement:

The Sustainability Committee advances sustainable practices on campus through education, research, activities, development, and operations, to make social, environmental and economic sustainability integral to the culture of Creighton University.

Goal Statements:**What we do.**

Work with administrators, faculty, students, staff and alumni to implement the campus sustainability plan (Climate Action Plan) with standards for curricular, research, operation, investment, and public service endeavors

How we do it.

Engage the campus in an ongoing dialogue about sustainability, and enhance communications across all segments of the community. Instill a culture of sustainable long-term planning and forward-thinking.

Whom we do it for.

Serve as a partner in sustainability with our campus neighbors, the city of Omaha, and the global community via university operations, training and education across the curriculum.

What values we bring.

Promote conscious stewardship of God's creation driven by our Jesuit tradition of social justice, our service to humanity, and our role as an institution of higher education.

Accomplishments:

The Sustainability Council has demonstrated this commitment by supporting and encouraging a variety of accomplishments with partners across campus since 2008, including but not limited to:

- Fr. John Schlegel, SJ signed the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment in 2010
- Fr. Timothy Lannon, SJ continued the commitment by signing the St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor in 2013
- Developed several majors, including those in Energy Technology and Sustainability
- In 2007 CCSJ formalized sustainability as one of their 7 Service and Justice Trips pillars. Since then they have expanded the possible sustainability learning experiences open to students each year. These include urban agriculture, energy extraction and organic farming among others.
- Became the first Jesuit university to be designated a Fair Trade University
- Partnered with Goodwill to divert over 60 tons of materials from the residence halls
- Established the GreenJays student sustainability group and the Creighton Center for Service and Justice's Sustainability Advocacy Group
- Developed and installed more sustainable landscaping
- Active participant in Annual Climate Conference, inclusive of Provost attendance
- Since 2010, the annual Recyclemania campaign has encouraged the campus to recycle over 700 (1.4 million pounds) tons of recyclable materials that might otherwise have found their way into area landfills