



It's fall! The leaves are on the ground. Thanksgiving is around the corner. Shortly after, finals and winter break. It's a time for reflection and for taking the time to appreciate what we have.

At the Sustainability Council, we know that the climate crisis must be addressed at multiple levels. One of the big ways we can combat the crisis is through government action and regulation. See the links at the bottom of this newsletter for more. Another way is by working for climate justice right here in our own communities—and that's where we come in. **We must commit ourselves to always working for the betterment of others. And we must protect our greatest resource: Earth!**

The Sustainability Council membership consists of faculty, administrators and students. We would like to welcome new students into our active group. If interested, please contact the founder and chair, Dr. Eileen Poiani at epoiani@saintpeters.edu.

Upcoming event: Stephen Holman II NJ Department of Environmental Protection

All are invited to this important event on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 12 p.m. in Pope Lecture Hall. Come and learn about what the state of New Jersey is doing to address climate change. Pizza will be served following the lecture.



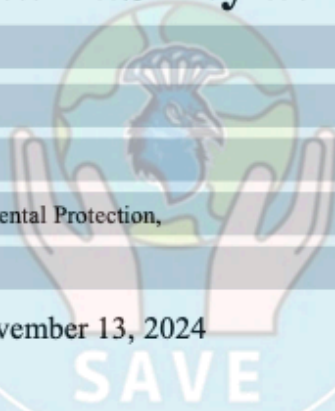
SPU Sustainability Council Presents Sustainability at DEP

Speaker Event

- Stephen Holman II,
Environmental Specialist,
NJ Department of Environmental Protection,
Bureau of Sustainability

Wednesday Noon, November 13, 2024
Pope Lecture Hall

Further Queries??
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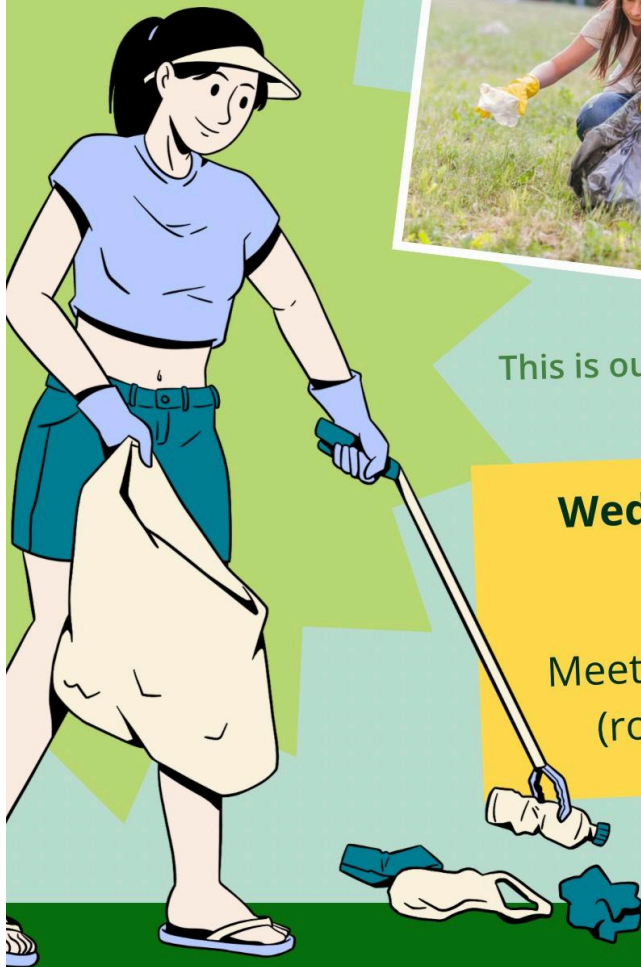
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Student Life & Development

Refreshments served

SAVE club campus cleanup!

CLEAN UP WITH

SAVE!



This is our chance to maintain and beautify our community!

Wednesday, November 13th

@3:00pm

Meet at office of Campus Ministry
(room 105 in student center)

It's time to clean up with SAVE! The student club dedicated to preserving our natural environment is hosting this great event. Get involved and do some good for your campus and the community.

SPU student wins first place award



On Saturday, Nov. 2, Saint Peter's students and faculty attended the 57th annual meeting of the Metropolitan Association of College and University Biologists. The meeting was held on the campus of Bronx Community College/CUNY.

Barbara Munoz '25 (pictured), presented results of her research with Dr. Laura Twersky, Biology Department. Munoz won a first place award for her work entitled "Effects of Microplastics on Planarian Regeneration." The work was supported by the PODER fellowship.

Catherine Saldana '25 and Darlyn Breton '26 also presented their research with Dr. Katherine Wydner, entitled "A Decade of Feederwatch: Building a Diverse Avian Community One Seed at a Time." Breton is continuing this research as a PODER fellow.

Take a course in sustainability in Spring 24

Interested in learning more about climate change? Dr. Brandy Garrett-Kluthe is teaching BI/EV-400 this spring. From the course catalog:

Students will learn about the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals or Global Goals, which are designed to be a "shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future." They will also learn about Pope Francis' 7 Laudato Si' goals, which came from his encyclical calling for us to "care for our common home." Students will design a project based on a deeper exploration of one (or more) sustainable goals of their choosing.

What We're Reading regarding the President elect and the climate crisis

- [What a Trump election means for the climate crisis](#), *The New York Times*
- [Experts Warn Trump election will set back global climate action](#), *The Guardian*

Words to inspire action...

"We are on the brink of an irreversible climate disaster. This is a global emergency beyond any doubt."

-BioScience [journal report](#), Oct. 8, 2024

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- *Our Vision: The Sustainability Council supports a broad, holistic vision of sustainability, framing our work in pluralism and integrating the right of well-being today to that of future generations.*
 - *Our Mission: The Sustainability Council, composed of a broad representation from the university community, initiates and implements institutional, academic and community programs that identify, inspire and foster sustainable practices and behaviors.*

Your feedback, photos, event notices and story ideas are always welcome. Please email them to Peacock Planet editor Georgia Kral at gkral@saintpeters.edu

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