



Well, Peacocks. You made it! The end of the Spring 2022 semester is here. It's been a great year at Saint Peter's University, from Sesquicentennial events to the men's basketball team making the Elite 8 to the Sustainability Council's excellent Earth Month events. We hope you've enjoyed it as much as we have.

The Sustainability Council is made up of members of the faculty and administration, but also students. We would love to welcome some new students into our active group. If interested, please contact Dr. Eileen Poiani at [epoiani@saintpeters.edu](mailto:epoiani@saintpeters.edu).

## Earth Month in photos

**Please enjoy some photos from the numerous Earth Month events held on campus last month.**



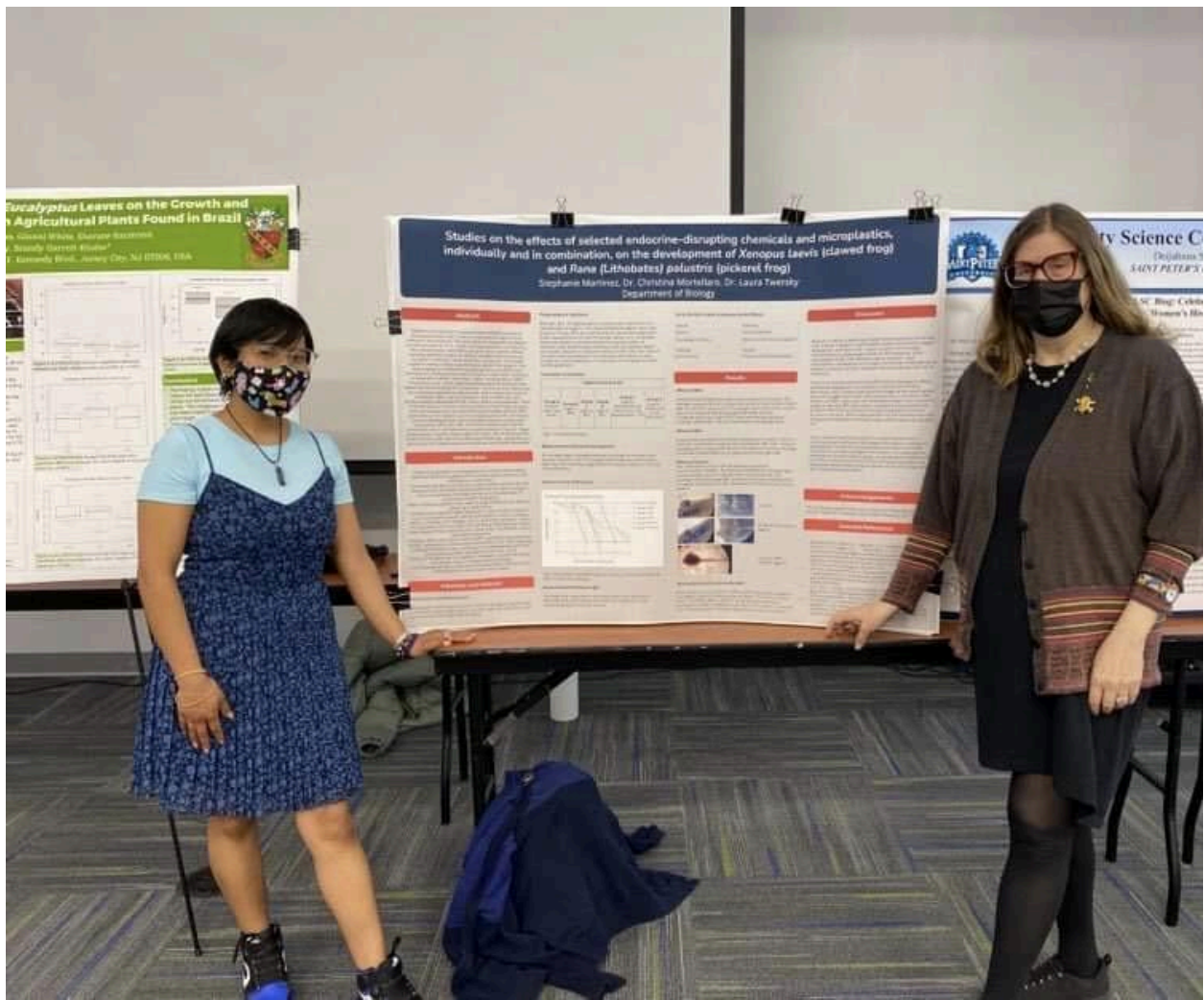
Rammstein, a baby lamb from the farm of Carolyn Gerdes, a psychology department professor, visited campus during Earth Month and visited with members of the community. What a cutie!





A tree was planted at Guarini House on Earth Day, which also marked the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day. Pictured: Dr. WeiDong Zhu, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Virginia Bender, Special Assistant to the President for Institutional Planning/Chief of Staff, Dr. Eileen Poiani, Special Assistant to the President and Chair of the Sustainability Council; Father Andy Downing, S.J., VP for Mission and Ministry, Dr. Eugene Cornacchia, President of Saint Peter's University and Dr. Fred Bonato, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs. Father Andy Downing gave a blessing for the tree, and Brightview, SPU's landscaper, donated it. Anna DePaula and the Aramark Team prepared the site for planting. Thanks to all who participated!





Biology major and senior Stephanie Martinez and Dr. Laura Twersky are pictured at the 2022 Our Earth 23rd annual Academic Symposium at Saint Peter's. The event highlighted research projects and student internship work in the sciences.



Students peruse materials on the environmental causes of birth defects at the Healthy Baby Awareness Day event on campus.





Students of Dr. Garrett-Kluthe participated in a classroom climate simulation for Earth Month. The students were grouped by country and engaged in a United Nations climate debate where they had to set up standards and agreements to mitigate climate change. Way to go!



Dr. Byron Winston visited Saint Peter's University and gave a lecture for Earth Month titled *Combating Climate Change from Algal Blooms to Biofuel Production*.



For Green Out Day, students met in the quad and planted seedlings in an effort to bring awareness to the benefits of planting plants to combat carbon emissions.

*Photos provided by Dr. Eileen Poiani, Dr. Laura Twersky, Dr. Brandy Garrett-Kluthe, Anna DePaula and Campus Safety officers.*



**The campus Sesquicentennial celebration continues in Fall 2022. See you then!**

A thought to leave you with...

**“The world must come together to confront climate change. There is little scientific dispute that if we do nothing, we will face more drought, famine and mass displacement that will fuel more conflict for decades.”**  
**-Barack Obama**

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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](mailto:gkral@saintpeters.edu)

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