

Sustainability at Lewis & Clark

To all of our incoming Pioneers,

Welcome to Lewis & Clark! In the next year, you will have adventures you may not be able to imagine right now. You'll meet people who you'll remember forever. At Lewis & Clark, students have great opportunities to get involved with causes we are passionate about. In my first year here, I've gotten involved with the environmental movement on campus, and have enjoyed every minute of it. If you're interested in sustainability issues, Lewis & Clark is a great place to take action.

You know that our community, nation, and globe are facing environmental challenges that earlier generations never imagined. The climate crisis, fueled by the carbon dioxide that we emit every day, has reached a critical point. We must act now if we want our children to see the beauty of New Orleans, Manhattan, or the Oregon Coast as we know them today.

Sometimes the challenges we face seem dire. But each one is an opportunity. Whether your focus is humanitarian, political, or you're just curious about getting involved, there's a place for you in the Lewis & Clark environmental movement. Interested in helping push solid environmental policies into the law books? Get involved with our student environmental group, SEED, and we'll make sure you get connected with lawmakers via phone calls, e-mail campaigns, and lobby days in Salem. Want to make environmental change right here on campus? Go to Sustainability Council meetings and make sure that our campus is a place you're proud to call home. Even actions as simple as ivy pulls and community awareness events can help bring us together around the idea of a healthy planet.

Change really is up to us, and at Lewis & Clark, we can make it happen. Please feel free to get in touch if you're interested in getting involved with the environment at Lewis & Clark. I will do all I can to get you connected with people who can help you get your projects going. Also, be sure to visit the SEED booth at PioFair IV on September 4th to find out more about us.

Action here is fueled by students. The future is in our hands. Together, I'm sure we can take good care of it.

Sustainably yours,

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