

Did You Know for March

Did you know that addressing hunger is part of sustainability? In fact, working towards zero hunger by 2030 is the second of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. Not surprisingly, the Covid-19 pandemic has made achieving improved food security even more difficult, both globally and locally.

Wenatchee Valley College has stepped up to fight hunger with the Knights Kupboard food pantry's curbside pick-up of prepackaged boxes containing food and hygiene items each Wednesday from 11 am to 1 pm. Students can access these supplies from their vehicle by pulling into the Sexton Hall parking lot off 9th Street and providing their name and student ID. Ensuring that our students are not stressed about trying to find food is foundational to greater academic success.

In response to the additional challenges brought on by the pandemic, Dr. Karina Vega-Villa, Meleah Butrielle, and community-based organizations helped WVC host a food bank and health clinic on Saturdays from 3 pm to 8 pm at the College for the immigrant community members who were struggling. As an added sustainability benefit, the fresh, culturally-appropriate food was distributed in reusable bags!

Part of our Sustainability mission at WVC is to improve equitable access to necessities for student wellbeing, but also to provide educational opportunities to learn about and practice sustainability. One such opportunity is coming up April 19 and 20th from 1 pm to 4 pm as part of our Earth Week events when we host a free sustainability training for students. Participants will learn from UN experts about the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including Zero Hunger, and then work together to design a sustainability project for local implementation. At the end of the workshop, students will receive a certificate of completion confirming their credentials as sustainable development trainees.

Please let your students know about this exciting opportunity and consider offering extra credit for their participation. Registration is free and open now on the [WVC Sustainability Events page](#).

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