



2016 Leadership Award Winner

College of Southern Maryland



About College of Southern Maryland

Founded in 1958, the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) is a regional community college with more than 25,000 students enrolled at its three locations in La Plata, Leonardtown, and Prince Frederick. CSM offers more than 100 programs of study and five different Associates Degrees.



Achievements

Environmental Sustainability Committee: Staff, faculty and student members from all campuses meet regularly to establish annual environmental performance goals and advise the college administration on sustainability initiatives and opportunities.

Energy Efficiency: Upgrading to energy efficient LEDs across all campuses. Upgrades completed at one building resulted in a 78% reduction in lighting costs.

Instituted "Code Green" Fridays during summer months by consolidating Friday classes into fewer buildings and using 'night setback' mode on lights, computers and miscellaneous electronics from 1 p.m. Friday afternoon until Monday morning.

Provide regular communication to staff as a reminder to turn off computers, monitors and printers, unplug small appliances such as coffeemakers and microwaves, and lower blinds to within four inches of window sills before holiday and semester breaks.

Waste Reduction: Installed water filling stations on each of the campuses to encourage use of refillable bottles, filling the equivalent of more than 7,000 water bottles to date.

Significantly reduced paper usage through increased use of electronic forms, applications and imaging software.

Reduced laboratory waste through the use of microscale experiments (working with smaller amounts of chemicals) and reduced the amount of chemical procurement through centralized purchasing procedures.



The Maryland Green Registry Leadership Awards recognize organizations that have shown a strong commitment to the implementation of sustainable practices, the demonstration of measurable results, and the continual improvement of environmental performance.