

# Tri-C<sup>®</sup> Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Award, 2023

The *Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Award* recognizes Tri-C faculty (full- and part-time) who have incorporated sustainability into their curricula and helped the College move toward achieving its long-term academic and workforce training goals.



*2023 Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Award winner Margaret Lehnert, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biology at Western Campus with Tri-C President, Dr. Michael Baston and Provost and Executive Vice President of Access, Learning and Success, Karen Miller.*

The 2023 winner of the *Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Award* was Margaret Lehnert, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology at Western Campus. Lehnert used information from the Center for Disease Control's website on the climate's effect on human health and applied it to the cellular mechanisms and physiology of humans to create case studies for her human-based biology courses. She also developed an Insect Biology course, with the entire last unit exploring the relationship between humans and insects and delving into sustainability topics such as the effects of agriculture on insect biodiversity and invasive species.

In addition to her work in the classroom, Lehnert wrote the Faculty Innovation Grant proposal for the Western Campus pollinator garden and partnered with the Western Campus Grounds Department to get it installed in 2020. She has also served as the Western Campus Green Team chair since 2021 and was the driving force behind a successful Earth Week event in April 2023.

