

Tri-C® Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Award, 2024

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



The 2024 winner of the Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Award was Kristen Reiter, a lecturer of biology at the Western Campus. Reiter has incorporated sustainability into her courses in a variety of ways. Her assignments include asking students to examine their everyday behaviors — such as the transportation they use, the items they buy, and the activities they participate in — and then reflect on how this impacts their community and the world. She also brings in guest speakers for presentations on topics such as industrial agriculture and its environmental impacts. In addition, she challenges students in a critical-thinking assignment to determine how the human body’s thermoregulation and skeletal systems might need to adapt as a result of increasingly hot weather and in response to strong storm events.

Reiter has also been an active member of the Western Campus Green Team for several years and helped found the Western Campus Student Sustainability Club, serving as a co-advisor.

