



# Center for **Climate, Society,** *and the* **Environment**

## VISION

The Gonzaga Center for Climate, Society, and the Environment provides resources and opportunities to meet the unprecedented challenges facing humanity and the wider natural environment in the 21st Century.



**2021-2022**  
YEAR  
IN  
REVIEW



## MISSION

Informed by an abiding commitment to a just society and care for the planet, the Center for Climate, Society and the Environment serves Gonzaga University and the broader regional communities by promoting innovative, interdisciplinary scholarship, teaching, consulting and capacity building on the climate, society, and the environment.



## MOTTO

Learning and  
leading for our  
common home.



Deepening and expanding local media coverage of climate change, with **33 stories** reaching more than **435 million viewers**



**537%**

Growth in the number of email list subscribers since May 1, 2021.

**11,416**

People viewed or participated in a Climate Center event.

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“As a climate literacy fellow, I feel like I am actually making a difference by helping educate elementary students and provide unbiased climate literacy lessons. **Working in an environmental education program makes me hopeful for the future.**”

- Anonymous, *Climate Literacy Fellow exit interview (2022)*

**1,143**

Students (grades 2-5) reached with climate literacy lessons

**6,201**

K-12 students whose teachers participated in a workshop to integrate climate literacy in the classroom.



47 States & 24 Countries

were represented by registrants of Climate Center events

45  
K-12 schools were served by climate literacy professional development workshops



## Building a bright future together

“I loved it; your team did an amazing job. I learned a lot about local groups and connections to climate concerns that I did not know prior to the workshop. Thank you for sharing all of the links and resources.”  
- Anonymous, post-workshop feedback from K-12 teacher participant (2022)



# Activity Summary 2021-2022

CLIMATE LITERACY PROJECT | CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROJECT | EVENTS & LECTURE SERIES



## Climate Literacy Kits

created for Spokane Public Schools' elementary classrooms

**Climate Literacy Fellows** created 4 lessons, served 13 schools (62% of Title I), and did 63 classroom visits

Full-time **Climate Literacy Program Coordinator**

## The Cataldo Project

provided **171 hours of professional development workshops** for University faculty

## Professional Development Workshops for K-12 teachers

provided 135 hours to help integrate climate literacy into elementary and secondary classrooms

# 19

events & lectures

# 7

community presentations

## Window Weatherization

pilot project in the Logan neighborhood distributed 52 kits

## Spokane Beat the Heat & Spokane Climate Project

collaborative initiatives deepen connections between the Center & the community



**The Center is proud to pursue its work in partnership with:**

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)

Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

Washington State Department of Health

Spokane City Council Sustainability Action Subcommittee (SAS)

Spokane Public Schools district (SPS)

Northeast Washington Educational Service District 101 (NEWESD101)

New Priorities Foundation

Center for Process Studies

KXLY Chief Meteorologist Kris Crocker

The Lands Council

350 Spokane

Spokane Riverkeeper

Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners (SNAP)

Futurewise

SPS Student Advisory Council on Climate Change

Inland Northwest Land Conservancy

Spokane Climate Project

# YOUR SUPPORT

**24 donations totaling \$63,681 and \$110,000** in grants, which helped:

- Host the climate change lecture series
- Purchase and test hands-on, reusable climate literacy renewable energy education kits
- Undergraduate Climate Literacy Fellows to teach climate literacy lessons in elementary school classes
- Professional learning climate literacy workshops for K-12 teachers
- Spokane Beat the Heat program to understand and respond to the challenge of extreme heat
- Urban heat island mapping campaign
- Climate change micro grants to facilitate faculty research

# JOIN THE EFFORT!

Make your gift now at [gonzaga.edu/supportclimatecenter](https://gonzaga.edu/supportclimatecenter)

# THE FUTURE

**Looking to the future, the Climate Center is excited to advance with:**

- A certificate program
- Climate literacy summer camp
- An endowed chair in integral ecology