



# 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.



## 2022-2023 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.

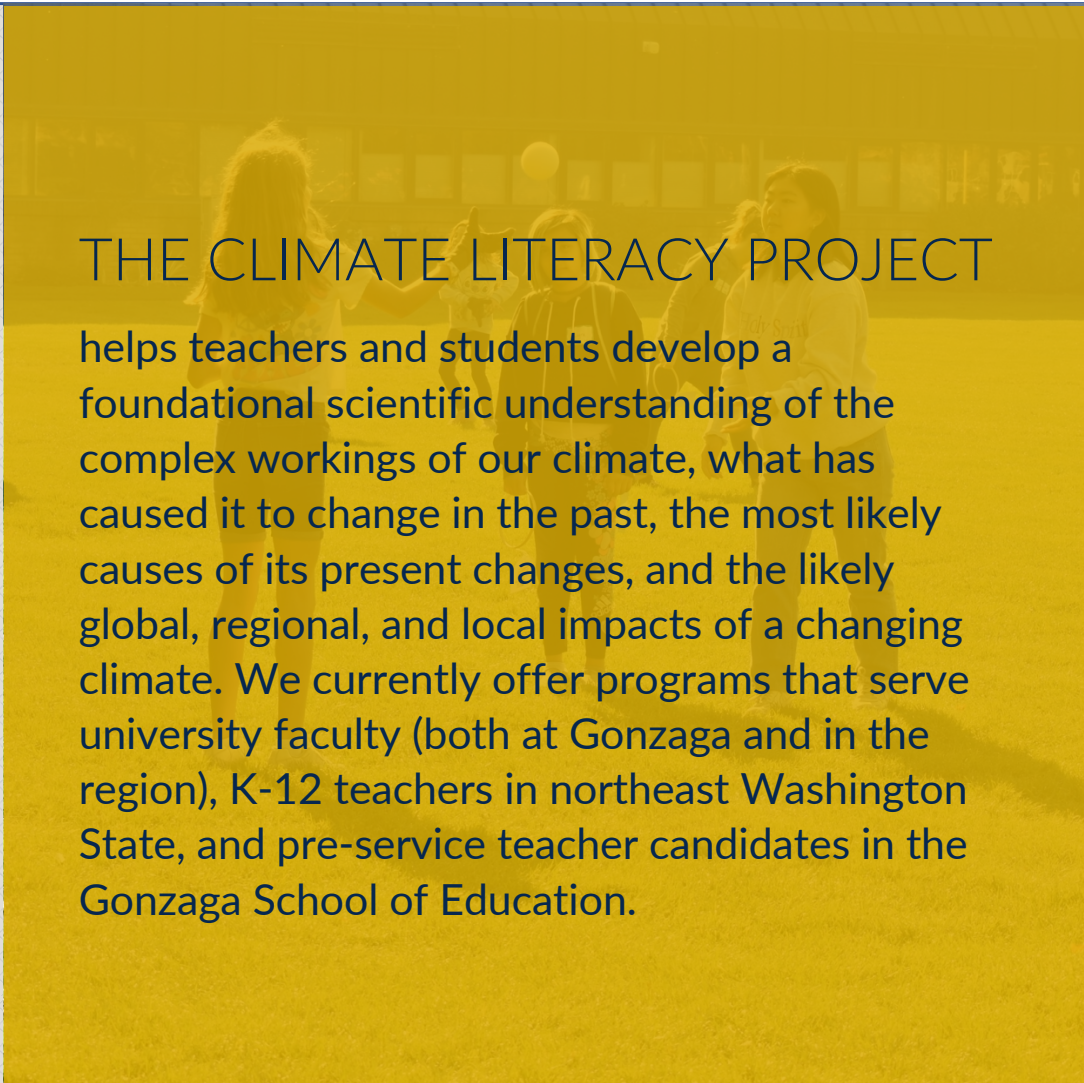


## SUPPORT

During the 2022-2023 academic year, the Center received more than \$1.7 million in earned media coverage and over \$408,000 in benefaction and grants.

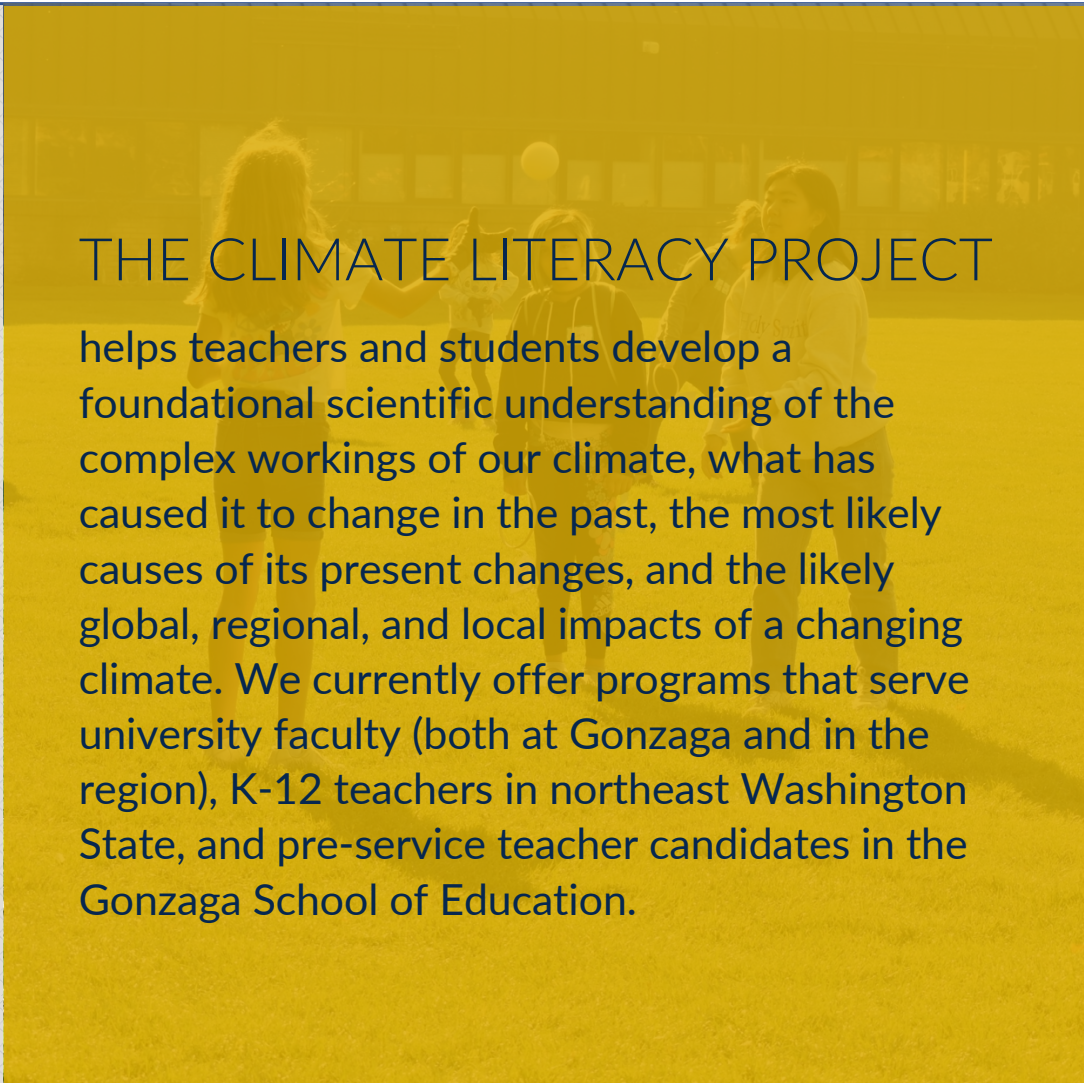




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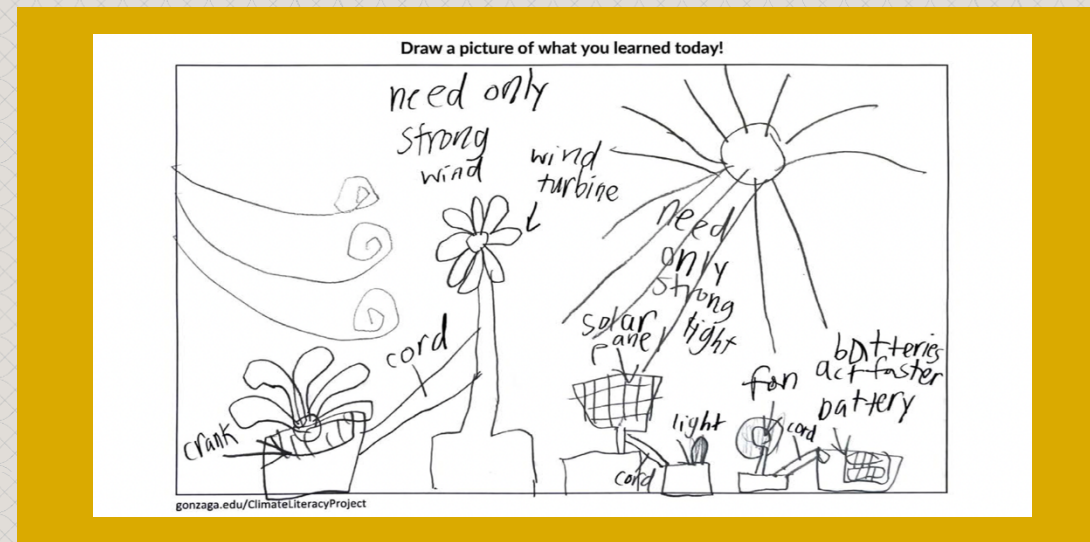
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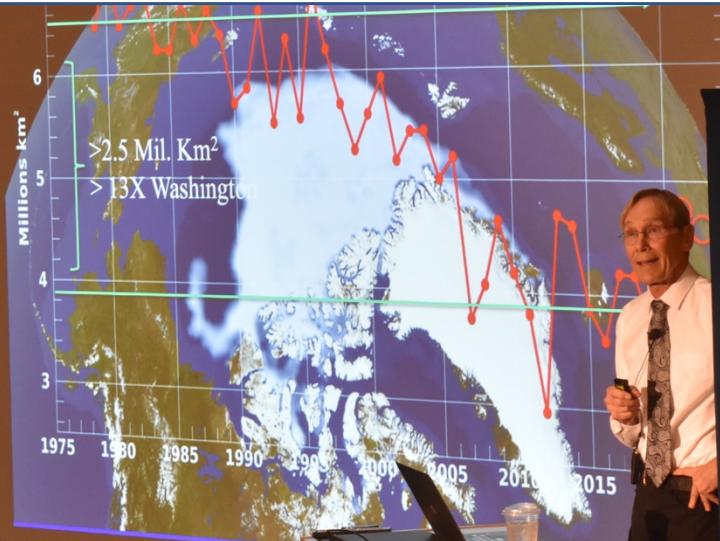
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**Events** were hosted by the Climate Center with notable speakers, films, and guests.

## Spokane Beat the Heat

Helping our community understand the impacts of extreme summer heat

- Urban heat island mapping campaign
- Community survey
- Report: "Correlations of Urban Heat with Race and Income in Spokane, Washington"
- Data walks
- Story map
- Heat health education campaign
- Spokane Extreme Heat Risk Intervention Stakeholder Synthesis Symposium

# 43,000

temperature and humidity data points recorded

# 1,799

heat survey responses from community members in Spokane County

**Presentations were made to the Spokane Mayor, City Council, Chamber of Commerce and general public**





# ACTIVITY SUMMARY 2022-2023

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



## Candidate forum

the Spokane Candidates Climate Change Forum is a non-partisan opportunity for candidates to discuss how they would address climate change if elected



## Faculty scholarship micro-grants

were awarded to faculty in leadership studies, religious studies, human physiology and marketing



## Climate literacy kits

were distributed to 36 elementary schools



## Professional development

hours were provided to over 125 K-12 teachers at 23 different schools



## E-mail newsletters

were streamlined and professionalized, reaching more than 3,300 subscribers



## The Cataldo Project

provided 208 hours of faculty professional development

**3,553**

Lecture series event registrants

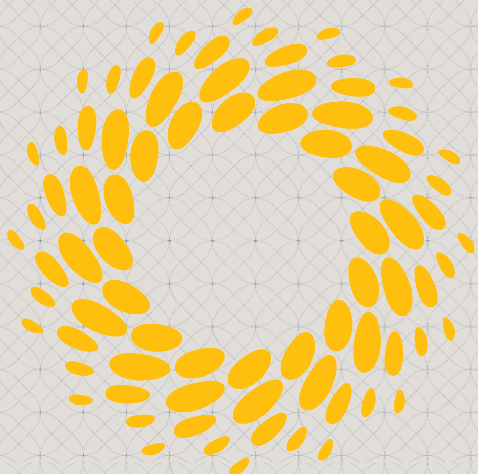
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Earned media mentions



**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)
- Climate and Health Adaptation Initiative (CHAI)
- Washington State Department of Health
- Spokane Public School District (SPS)
- New Priorities Foundation
- UW Collaborative for Extreme Event Resilience
- UW Climate Impacts Group
- The Lands Council
- West Valley Outdoor Learning Center
- 350 Spokane
- Spokane Riverkeeper
- Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners (SNAP)
- Spokane Regional Health District
- Inland Northwest Land Conservancy
- Dishman Hills Land Conservancy



# THE FUTURE

**Looking to the future, the Climate Center is excited to launch its first academic program:**

- Professional Certificate in Climate Action Planning  
**[gonzaga.edu/ClimateCert](http://gonzaga.edu/ClimateCert)**



## SUPPORT THE CENTER

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