



# 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.





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