



Fall 2021 Semester Reflections

It's been such a joy to be back physically on campus, among students and colleagues. From the first sustainability orientation with the uber-enthusiastic Orientation Leaders back in August, to hosting weekly service times to glean (harvesting vegetables for donation) in the fields of the Intervale, to in-person class visits to discuss service-learning projects, it's deepened my appreciation for the Champlain community. We know there is still so much uncertainty, so many injustices to tackle; and it is comforting knowing that we're in it together. Read on to celebrate the semester's successes and make plans for digging in in the spring.

~Christina Erickson, Director

Congratulations, Myah!

First year Environmental Studies & Policy student, Myah Brody, took the campus by storm this fall by following in the green footsteps of other Champlain students and becoming a finalist in the international [Project Green Challenge](#). In addition to a trip to California and ongoing mentorship, Myah won seed funding to put to work on campus pollinator gardens to support native bees.

Project Green Challenge finalists, with Myah front row, right. Photo by Project Green Challenge.



Champlain Stays in Top 50 Green Colleges

Since 2012, Champlain College has been listed in [The Princeton Review's Guide to Green Colleges](#). For the 2022 edition, we remain on the Top 50 list, this year at #41.

2020 Voter Participation Results

Champlain participates in various national voter engagement efforts. [The National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement](#) produces reports every other year on voter participation. For the 2020 election, Champlain students had a **66.3% voting rate**, which earned us a Silver designation from the [All In Campus Democracy Challenge](#).



And while major elections only happen every couple of years, there are a wide array of ways of being civically engaged, year-round. Check out our [#CivicChamp web page](#) for ideas.

[See the 2020 Champlain NSLVE Report](#)



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Eco-Rep Hiring for Spring

We are hiring a few more Eco-Reps for the spring semester. Eco-Reps are student leaders who inspire and motivate their peers to live as sustainably as possible on campus and beyond.

This is a paid position (you do not have to be work study eligible), but you must live in a Champlain College residence hall to be an Eco-Rep. Go to our website for more information regarding the position or here for a [direct link to the application](#). Eco-Reps is a program of the Center for Service and Sustainability, Residential Life & Physical Plant. Applications are **due Monday, December 13th**. Did you apply this Fall? No need to fill out the form again, just [let us know](#) that you are still interested.



[Learn more about the Eco-Reps and apply here](#)



Faculty: Did your class work with a campus or community partner this semester?

We want to (briefly!) hear about the work done by you and your students. Please help us tell our collective impact story by [filling out this brief form](#), for any projects/work done in **Fall 2021**.



Engaged Learning with Community Partners

We have many partners, across the greater Burlington community, who are willing to partner on engaged learning opportunities with your classes. See this [list of potential partners](#) and [contact us](#) if you'd like to talk through ideas of how to incorporate projects into your course(s).

Three new(er) potential partners include:

- Vermont Racial Justice Alliance - [especially looking for youth mentors](#)
- Vermont Abenaki Artists Association - especially looking for marketing assistance
- Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity - especially looking for home building and store assistance

[Learn more about SL Course Designation](#)



Staff & Faculty: Opportunity to Join an Anti-Racism Circle

Anti-Racism Circles, or "ARCs", are a new opportunity for faculty and staff to engage in constructive work in diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. ARCs will be made up of three to four people who share a commitment to the rigorous work of reflection and self-examination required by authentic anti-racism and who will meet at least once every two weeks as a discussion and problem-solving circle to make that commitment a reality. ARCs are not a college-sponsored project and will be guided independently and cooperatively by a Coordinating Committee selected from among the participants in ARCs.

[Learn more about Anti-Racism Circles](#)



Students from Kelly Thomas' Core 102 class gleaning carrots, Eco-Reps conducting a waste sort, Social Impact Scholars and friends organizing The Pride Center's library.

Check out our [Google Calendar](#) and [Blog](#) for other upcoming events and service opportunities. Skiff Annex 203 | www.champlain.edu/service

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