Student Experience with Sustainability at U of T

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Personal Engagement with Sustainability at UofT



Margaret MacMillan Trinity One Program: Butterfield Environment & Sustainability Stream

- Trinity One provides first-year students a seminar setting in which they explore major ideas pertaining to human life and world affairs
- TRN141Y: Environmental Science & Pathways to Sustainability
- TRN140Y: Ethics, Humans, & Nature
 - O Attended ENV461 The UofT Campus as a Living Lab of Sustainability

lecture



ENV461 The UofT Campus as a Living Lab of Sustainability

- Project and client-based course on campus sustainability with operational staff from UofT
- My group project:
 - Tri-campus project with staff from the three campus Sustainability Offices
 - Conducted at sustainability literacy and attitudes survey to:
 - Identify staff, faculty, and student priorities and awareness of initiatives
 - Obtain AASHE STARS rating
- General takeaways:
 - o UTSG Priorities: climate action, waste, and energy
 - Low awareness of UTSG initiatives but strong desire to get involved



AASHE STARS = Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher education Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System

CECCS Sustainability Pathways Program



Work-Study with UTSG Sustainability Office

- Creating introductory training for students in the Sustainable Citizen program
- Training based on STARS Platinum rated schools
- Training overview:
 - Introduction to sustainability
 - Integration of the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals
 - How UofT is engaging with sustainability



• Environmental racism in Indigenous communities

Key Message

- Sustainability Pathways provides an avenue for engagement
 - Allows students to expand upon their work each year
 - Encourages students from other disciplines to undertake sustainability education