

Tri-C® Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Award, 2022

The *Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Award* recognizes Tri-C faculty (full time or part time) who have incorporated sustainability in their curriculum and helped Tri-C move toward achieving the College's long-term academic and workforce training goals.



2022 Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Award winner Erica Stevenson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biology at Westshore Campus with Tri-C President, Dr. Michael Baston.

The 2022 winner of the *Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Award* was Erica Stevenson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biology at Westshore Campus. Dr. Stevenson was involved in creating the outdoor learning lab at Westshore Campus and has since used it in her classes for hands-on Biology projects. Dr. Stevenson's students have collected water samples from the retention pond that is part of the outdoor learning lab and then observed microorganisms within the samples.

Other assignments have covered the importance of microbes in creating conditions which support life on earth, but also how microbial infections can negatively impact humans in areas with limited access to clean water, housing, and healthcare. These assignments allowed the connection between local microbiology and global environmental and social justice issues.

In addition, Dr. Stevenson has led the Westshore Campus Green Team for the last two years and has coordinated two campus clean up days involving students, faculty, and staff, and has monitored bird collisions with windows at the Westshore Campus to both rehabilitate birds in partnership with the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center and quantify how the College can reduce these impacts.

