



# Energy Blitz: Campus Engagement in Los Angeles Community College District

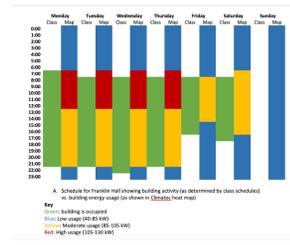
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## Energy Saving at LA City College

Funded through the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's Community Partnership Grant, the Facilities and Energy Fellow position was tasked with promoting energy efficiency and water conservation on LA City College campus and in the surrounding community.

### Campus Efficiency

- Conducted a building schedule audit by comparing class schedules to energy usage



### Sustainability Seminars

- Save Energy/Save Money
- Climate Change 101

### Energy Blitz Challenge

A fun, friendly competition designed to engage students, faculty, and staff at Los Angeles City College around energy conservation and creating a culture of sustainability.

- Developed a website to hold competition
- 11 participating building teams
- Participants earned points through saving energy, attending events, and completing weekly sustainability pledges



## Outcomes

### Campus and Community Engagement

- 200 responses** to preliminary Student Sustainability Survey helped guide initiatives
- Over **20 local organizations** engaged in some capacity
- 12 workshops** and events promoting energy efficiency and sustainability on campus and in the community



### Energy Blitz Challenge

- Over **300 students** directly engaged through competition, workshops and events
- Over **100,000 kWh** and **\$15,500** saved over **3 months** across participating buildings
- Hydration station** and **50 stainless steel water bottles** awarded to the winning building in high visibility celebration

## Lessons Learned

### Successful Strategies:

- Assess the needs of the community you're working with and invite feedback at every step of the project.
- There's no such thing as too much communication!

### Recommendations Going Forward:

- Build relationships between facilities and faculty to implement applied learning initiatives into curriculum.
- Invite stakeholders at each college to sustainability workshop to generate relevant feedback for master planning.



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