

SEI's Climate Corps Program Wins Energy Innovation Award Fellow's "Energy Blitz" Saves a Month's Worth of Energy



WALK THE WALK, ENERGY FINALIST

Los Angeles City College



In partnership with the Climate Corps Fellowship program, LACC developed an educational and outreach initiative called Energy Blitz, which engaged 800 students, faculty and staff and reduced energy consumption on campus by 11.7%.



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The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), in partnership with SEI's Climate Corps program, received the [Walk the Walk Energy Project of the Year Award](#) at this year's 6th Annual Innovation Awards for achieving significant energy savings at Los Angeles City College. Hosted by the Los Angeles Better Building Challenge (LABBC), the Innovation Award Ceremony recognizes the leadership of property owners and managers who have created a culture of innovation that delivers exceptional energy and water performance over time in the Los Angeles region. LABBC gives this award to those who have demonstrated the most significant energy saving over the past year along with the alignment of organization-wide commitment, market context, stakeholder engagement, and innovation within technology, execution, or financing.

LABBC presented the Walk the Walk Energy Award to LACCD for their "Energy Blitz" outreach program at Los Angeles City College. The Energy Blitz, led by LACCD

Climate Corps Fellow, Natalie St Clair, focused on energy and water conservation through outreach and education. During the 10-month Energy Blitz initiative, Los Angeles City College experienced an 1,018,985 kWh reduction compared to the same period from the previous year, representing an 11.7% drop in consumption or the effective avoidance of an average month's worth of electricity.

Aris Hovasapian, the Utility Project Manager at LACCD, accepted this award and recounted the program's numerous achievements. "We were able to demonstrate through this project that outreach and education can make a substantial impact on our overall energy consumption profile. The results from this project will feed into the potential energy conservation categories that we focus on as we develop our clean energy targets," said Hovasapian. This significant reduction was based on awareness, education, and outreach through the partnership of LACCD and SEI's Climate Corps program. Stephen Miller, Deputy Director of SEI notes, "I'm extremely proud of the impressive outcomes that Natalie accomplished throughout her service as a Fellow and our first Southern California example within the Climate Corps Facilities and Energy Management cohort. I'm particularly excited to see how Climate Corps will provide cost-effective team capacity and support our campus and other partners as they emerge from the current pandemic."

About [SEI's Climate Corps](#)

Climate Corps is an award-winning fellowship program that provides professional development opportunities for emerging leaders through implementation of sustainability and resiliency projects with local governments, nonprofits, and for-profit businesses. Host organizations receive the support of qualified, passionate, dedicated Fellows, who gain real-world expertise in sustainability project implementation. Climate Corps simultaneously helps organizations address climate and sustainability projects and cultivates the next generation of environmental leaders. Since 2010, Climate Corps has worked with over 100 partners and 350 Fellows on 800 high-impact projects.

About [SEI](#)

Strategic Energy Innovations (SEI) is an environmental nonprofit that builds leaders to drive sustainability solutions. For over 20 years, SEI has partnered with schools, communities, and businesses to develop a leadership pathway from elementary school to early career. Our flagship programs ([Energize Schools](#), [Energize Colleges](#), [School of Environmental Leadership](#), and [Climate Corps](#)) educate and empower students and emerging professionals to create thriving, resilient communities.

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