

National Teach-In on Global Warming

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

QUESTIONS

Climate change / global warming – why be concerned? “How It All Ends” video – view [here](#)

How much do we contribute to the problem each year?

- [What a ton of CO2 looks like](#)
- USA – 6.5 billion tons CO2
- Richland – 24,000 tons CO2 (65% commuting related) or about 100 tons/acre – see RLC Greenhouse Gas Report [here](#)
- An average American – about 10 tons; take [EPA Carbon Footprint Quiz](#)

What can be done to turn this around?

At the national level “National Teach-In” video – view at www.nationalteachin.org

- Time for voting and beyond
- Connections between environmental, social, and economic sustainability
- Climate change is affecting real people right now (“Human Face of Climate Change” video online)

At Richland

- Two new green buildings—Sabine (open for fall) and Garland Campus (open this spring)
- American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment and Rocky Mountain Institute partnership – www.rmi.org
- Facilities/operations initiatives—including:
 - better building scheduling
 - climate management improvements
 - more efficient bulbs ballasts
 - very effective recycling program (now participating in Recyclemania competition)

By students like you

- Contact your elected representatives—find them at <http://www.votesmart.org>
- Carry and refill your own water bottle
- Carpool or take DART – www.dart.org
- As the bookstore to carry more recycled items—then buy them
- Use fewer paper towels and napkins
- Use reusable bags when shopping and no plastic bags from Subway
- Use the recycling bins located throughout the campus

What questions do you have?

WRAP-UP Find these and other resources at www.richlandcollege.edu/greenrichland/teachIn.php.

