Created as a repository for sustainability and environmental education resources, the SustainED website reinforces the vision of the K-State College of Education to prepare educators to be knowledgeable, ethical, caring decision makers.

The focus of the website is on collected resources pertaining to sustainability in education: lesson plans, books, resource links, recycling hints, people who are making a difference, classroom activities, and environmental education programs and events.

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Environmental Awareness Lesson Plans

Our students—both elementary and secondary—create and implement many lessons during their professional development with us. Many are concerned about Earth matters and may have ideas about how to infuse their lessons with environmental awareness. Students are encouraged to submit their lesson(s) to the web site for online publication.

In 1994—fifteen years ago—students from all fifty states, 22 countries, and six continents joined together at a Campus Earth Summit held at Yale University. What emerged was Blueprint for a Green Campus with recommendations for the world’s institutions of higher education. The first of ten recommendations was to “integrate environmental knowledge into all relevant disciplines.” Infusing our curriculum with Earth matters provides all of our students with a more holistic and relevant approach to learning.

Making a Difference Profiles

Our contributors are important to us—so we feature them here so others can understand their vision and interest in sustainability and environmental education.

**Tyler Fennema**

*Senior, Secondary Education – Social Studies*

**Cosette Armstrong**

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**How did you arrive at being environmentally aware and interested in sustainability?**

It was not until years later that I could fully appreciate living so simply. After working in the fashion industry for 15 years, it was time for a change. After entering graduate school, I attended my first academic conference. I heard Natalie Chanee tell her story, as owner of a community-based, locally grown apparel business called Alabama.

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**What are some of the most innovative ideas you have seen relating to sustainability on campus or locally?**

I feel that the simplicity of recycling is possibly one of the best sustainability practices. It is a very unfortunate truth that some areas in different states don’t even have recycling programs.

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**How did you arrive at being environmentally aware and interested in sustainability?**

I was raised in a family that did not believe in being wasteful and practiced recycling. In my free time I look at ecology, the relationships between organisms and their environment through trash pickup, land maintenance (planting and watering vegetation) and similar activities. Soon I discovered my love of science and began on my own to study the environment and topics relating to protecting and being a good steward of the natural world.

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**How did you arrive at being environmentally aware and interested in sustainability?**

I was socialized in a way that instilled a strong sense of environmental awareness from the age of 15. My parents were very conscious of the impact their actions had on the environment and were always researching and experimenting with new technologies and sustainable practices. This led me to pursue a career in sustainability.

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**What is your personal sustainability research about?**

My personal sustainability research is focused on the intersection of fashion and sustainability. I am interested in how the fashion industry can become more environmentally conscious and how consumers can make more informed choices when it comes to their clothing purchases.

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**How did you arrive at being environmentally aware and interested in sustainability?**

I was exposed to the environment at a young age and have always been fascinated by the natural world. My parents instilled a love for nature and the environment in me from a young age. I grew up hiking, camping, and exploring the outdoors, and I have always been interested in learning more about the environment.

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**How did you arrive at being environmentally aware and interested in sustainability?**

I was inspired to become environmentally conscious by my mother, who has always been passionate about nature and conservation. She instilled in me a love for the outdoors and taught me the importance of protecting the environment. I have always been interested in learning more about the environment and what I can do to help make a positive impact on it.
Recycling Resources

A collection of links to available information about recycling— including K–State, local, and state resources, electronic waste programs, comprehensive guides, children’s activities, freecycling sites, and other green ideas such as using environmentally–friendly cleaners, composting, reducing unwanted mail, and using energy efficient products.
Local Environmental and Sustainability Activities

This photo archive documents local activities and aims to showcase what students and faculty are doing to learn and teach about environmental issues.
Environmental Education Events

Calendar of events relating to environmental education conferences and day or week-long activities, such as Earth Day and the Great American Cleanup, with links to related teacher resources and activity ideas.

- Resources from the [2009 First Annual Kansas Green Schools Conference](#)
- Videos from the [2009 Kansas Environmental Education Conference](#)  
  Kansas Association for the Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE)

- [2010 K-State Sustainability Conference](#)  
  *Kansans Advancing Sustainability in Higher Education*  
  January 29–30, 2010, Manhattan, Kansas

- [Great American Cleanup™](#)  
  March 1 – May 31, 2010

- [National Environmental Education Week](#)  
  April 11–17, 2010

- [Earth Day](#)  
  April 22, 2010

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Resource Links

Collection of environmental education resources for teachers, featuring links to curriculum sources (activities and lesson plans), programs and projects, organizations, scholarships, and green living guides.

Curriculum Resources | Programs/Projects | Organizations | Scholarships | Green Living

**CURRICULUM RESOURCES**

- [The Adventures of Keep America Beautiful (KAB) Man](#) (videos and game)
- [Clean Sweep USA: Lesson Plans in Waste Management and Litter Prevention](#)
- [Kansas Kids Can Newsletter](#) (Kansas Green Schools Network)
- [Get Caught Recycling!™ Posters and Graphics](#)
- [Our Earth.org: Environmental Videos, Newscasts and Documentaries](#)
- [Friends of the Kaw Elementary Teachers Corner](#)
- [Friends of the Kaw Middle School Teachers Corner](#)
- [Kids 4 the Kaw](#) → Resources to help kids learn about protecting and preserving the Kansas River
- [Natural Kansas](#) → Habitat diversity and wildlife watching opportunities in Kansas
- [Library of Congress: Multimedia Resources on Nature and the Environment](#) → Expert presentations, exhibitions, bibliographies, and online materials
Book and Article Lists Relating to Sustainability in Education

Books on Sustainability in Education


Articles on Sustainability in Education

Thank you to Cosette Armstrong for her contributions here, giving us an excellent start on this list of sustainability articles.

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