Student Council Sustainability Officer Program (SCSO)
Today’s Discussion

OUTLINE OF TOPICS

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the program is to add a Sustainability Officer (SO) position to Student Government with the goal of embedding sustainability on campus.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Sustainability Officer (SO) is a position on the Student Council with the purpose of enhancing school campuses thru implementing green events and educating the student body on sustainability.
Brief History of Program

2013
Program concept formed

2016
Program expands to whole of Phoenix Union High School District after successfully being implemented at Bioscience High School for two years

2018
First Sustainability Challenge: Food and Fitness Challenge

2021
Partnership with Arizona Department of Education
Benefits of Program

- Increasing opportunities for grants, special funding and awards.
- Being highlighted as a trailblazer and national leader on sustainability in schools.
- Helping Phoenix reach its 2050 Sustainability Goals.
- Increasing revenue from recycling and reducing energy and water costs.
MONTHLY MEETINGS
SOs attend monthly meetings to plan district wide events and receive env outreach.

OUTREACH ON CAMPUS
SOs complete environmental projects on their school campus.

SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE
Spring semester schools compete district wide in a targeted Sustainability Challenge.
Greening Events Guide for Schools

LOWERING THE ENV IMPACT OF SCHOOL EVENTS

- Designed for student use
- Reviewed by students
- Working with Arizona Department of Education
Future of SCSO

• Expanding to more school districts in Maricopa County
• Greening Events Guide for Schools finalization
• Looking to become a statewide program
Questions?

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