

Tri-C® Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Award, 2020

The *Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Award* recognizes Tri-C faculty (full time or part time) who have incorporated sustainability in their curriculum and helped Tri-C move toward achieving the College's long-term academic and workforce training goals.

The 2020 winner of the *Faculty Leadership in Sustainability Award* was Casandra Sweeney, Assistant Professor of English at Eastern Campus. Professor Sweeney developed and implemented curriculum focused on sustainability, and has been involved in campus-level and College-wide sustainability events for several years. She used a semester-long theme of sustainability which began by assigning students group presentations focused on environmental sustainability and its social and economic impacts in Cuyahoga County and at Tri-C. Following these group presentations, students were tasked with building out from local issues to research and communicate global impacts of environmental sustainability.

In addition, Professor Sweeney also chaired the Eastern Campus faculty sustainability group for three years, helping organize sustainability-related campus events, and was the faculty lead in creating the *Metamorphosis Cleveland* event in spring 2019 in which students creatively interpreted 50 years of change in Cleveland since the 1969 Cuyahoga River fire. Furthermore, she also presented information and lessons learned from the *Metamorphosis Cleveland* event at a fall 2019 national higher education sustainability conference and at 2020 Faculty Colloquium.



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