SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

Environmental Justice and the Common Good

Providing community-driven research, training, and networking for environmental and social justice

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Annual Report

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Programming, Networking, and Conferences

- **Represented SCU at 8 conferences and panels** as co-organizers, keynote speakers, panel and poster session presenters at national and global conferences across Jesuit higher education and other networks.
- **Organized 14 events with and for community partners** – such as conferences, workshops, training, learning exchanges, field visits, meetings, and research presentations – in the San Jose region, the Central Valley, and Nicaragua.
- **Organized 15 Events for SCU faculty, students, and staff,** including symposiums, seminars, research exchanges, panels, guest speakers, networking meetings, and workshops.
- **Signed and executed 12 new contracts with community partners** for research collaborations.

Thought Leadership

Disseminated thought leadership on environmental justice and community-engaged research through:

- 23 journal articles, book chapters, and technical reports.
- 7 blog postings, media appearances, and webinars.
- 5 presentations to local and state government agencies and a committee of the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.
- Our own website, newsletters, and social media accounts (Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook, and YouTube).

Student Research and Mentoring

- Engaged and mentored over **45 research assistants** and over 120 **students** in SCU courses in our projects, and 2 interns in our communications work.
- Collaborated with SCU's Center for Sustainability and Department of Environmental Studies & Sciences to co-host **SCU's Annual Sustainability & Environmental Justice Student Research Symposium**, including 62 presentations by 106 presenters (students, faculty, and staff), who represented 60% of SCU's academic departments.
- Mentored **8 additional student research presentations** at competitive academic conferences, regulatory forums, and workshops.
- **Mentored students** who won Clare Booth Luce Fellowships, Environmental Ethics Fellowships, Udall Scholarship, Goldwater Scholarship, and the Fulbright fellowship; acceptance to the Ph.D. program at George Washington University; and students who started service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Peace Corps, and Americorps.

Research Grants Distributed

- **Made 2 research grants** and provided technical assistance to 4 SCU faculty in 4 departments.

External Grants and Awards Received

- $31,000 in external funding from Natural Resources Defense Council and a private foundation.
- University Award for Sustained Excellence in Scholarship for Iris Stewart-Frey.

External Gifts Received

- $10,975 in 29 new external gifts received.

Professional Development

- **Three summer online workshops** on integrating environmental justice across the curriculum for over 75 faculty and sustainability staff members from SCU and 17 other institutions, offered in collaboration with SCU's Center for Sustainability. **Participants' new curricula will reach thousands of students per year and support colleagues across the country to train their faculty.**
- **Additional workshop series** for SCU faculty from 8 departments and representatives of 8 community organizations on developing research collaborations on youth, environmental justice, and health.