

Project Title: Think Outside the Bottle

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Class Standing: Junior Expected

Graduation Date: Spring 2014

Emphasis: Ecological Sciences

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Relationship description: Advisor of student group I participate in.

Requested Budget: \$2220.00

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Project Description:

The goal of the “Think Outside the Bottle” project is to limit the sales of plastic water bottles during The Evergreen State College’s Graduation Ceremony. A few years ago the students passed an initiative to ban the sale of plastic water bottles on campus and we would like to honor that decision at graduation. Water is a human right and TESC should not support its privatization by global water corporations.

Timeline: Water stations and recyclable cups should be ordered and delivered on or before June 14 th 2013. Educational materials should be designed and printed by evaluation week. Notifications will be e-mailed to graduates about the availability of water stations at graduation and encourage them to bring refillable bottles. We will purchase 500 affordable refillable bottles to hand out at our stations from The Greener Bookstore.

Metrics:

We are working alongside Residential and Dining Services to provide ample water for the graduates, staff, faculty, and guests at graduation so the sale of plastic water bottles would be reduced. Aramark will have a reduced amount to sell at their stations and for the stage staff. Greener Categories Resource Conservation-Implementation, Education Sustainability Strategies-Implementation, Education Sustainability: By using water stations, we can reduce the amount of waste generated at graduation and continue to support the decision to ban the sale of plastic water bottles. This aligns with the CEC's mission to conserve resources and moves the campus forward towards its zero waste goal. This also provides a great opportunity to educate the campus and Evergreen community about the environmental and social impacts of water privatization.

Continuity:

The materials designed for education around "Think Outside the Bottle" can and should continue to be used to educate Greeners. A guide with contact information and a debrief of the events successes and shortcomings can be made and given to Sharon Goodman for future use planning for water accessibility at large events like graduation. The hope is that this year's campaign will lead to completely bottled water free Graduation ceremonies in the future.

Budget: "think outside the bottle" campaign

500 water bottles x\$3.99= \$1734.85

water stations:

\$24 per pump (you keep, purchase price) x6= \$144

\$6.50 per 5 gallon bottle x48= \$312

\$4.50 per sleeve of cups (100ct)x30=\$135

posters: 11x17 \$0.79/side x6= \$4.74

lamination is \$2.00/sheetx6= \$12 TOTAL= \$16.74

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