



TRACK NAME

Empowering the Youth of Tomorrow – Maricopa Community Colleges

SESSION NAME

Student Activism and Overview of Sustainability Education

DATE + TIME + ROOM NUMBER

Friday September 5th – 10:10 AM – 106A

SESSION DESCRIPTION

This 50-minute presentation on emerging “green” careers and the education programs needed to develop a “green” workforce will be geared to an audience including:

- * Students, parents and the general public interested in learning about sustainability and youth empowerment
 - Everyone is talking about ‘Sustainability’. What is it and how are educational institutions gearing up to empower students with this knowledge.
 - Learn how to motivate students and youth about sustainability.
 - Listen to a student who carried her passion for ‘green’ change the world through humanitarian efforts.
 - Learn how youth can make a difference by helping build a sustainable earth is coupled with devotion to people on the earth
 - Learn about student led projects such as the Dumpster Dive to raise awareness about “garbage” generated on campus when nearly 250 faculty, staff, and students spent time sorting and reflecting on waste- where it was coming from and what we can do better manage or maybe eliminate it

PRESENTER(S)

Pushpa Ramakrishna, Prof. of Biology, Chandler-Gilbert Community College

Beth Anne Martin, Student leader at Chandler Gilbert Community College

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHY(S)

Pushpa Ramakrishna is Professor of Biology and also heads the Sustainability Initiative at the Maricopa Center for learning and instruction. She is passionate about teaching and believes in empowering students and youth with knowledge. She is faculty advisor to the student club HEAT (Hands on Environmental Action Team).

Beth Anne Martin was a leader of the HEAT (Hands-on Environmental Action Team) Club at Chandler-Gilbert Community College. In convergence with the club, she co-lead the outdoor bottles and cans recycling program, coordinate a Dumpster Dive, and supported other environmental events on campus. She opened a STAND chapter in response to the brutal genocide in Darfur, Sudan, and co-organized several fundraisers for humanitarian causes. Beth Anne began attending Arizona State University in fall, 2008. She is considering majoring in sustainability and history.

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