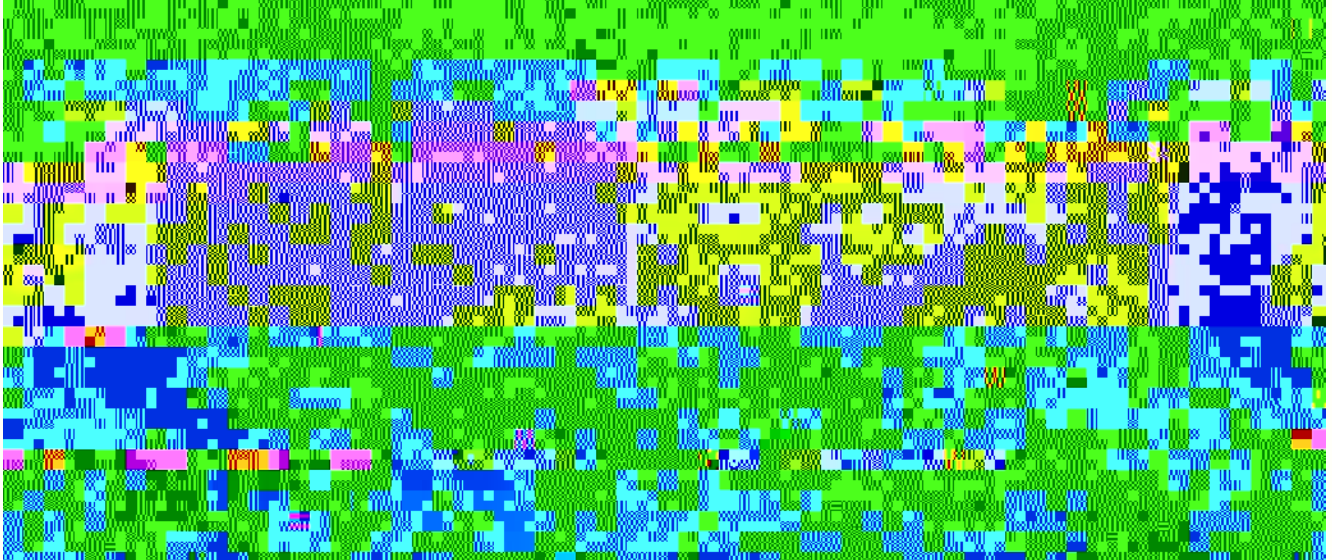


## Spring Newsletter



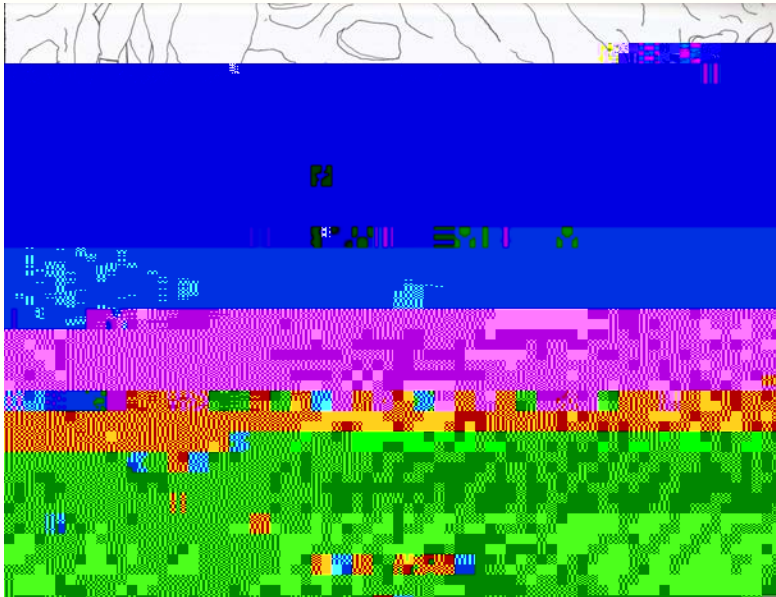
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It was yet again another semester where we saw persistent efforts to continue our learning of how to be more sustainable as individuals and a campus. With limited in-person activities, we continued to spread awareness and host events virtually. The end of April brought us safely together as COVID guidelines lightened and we were able to celebrate Earth Day with a few in-person events!

The first half of the semester, we invited students to show us what climate change looked like to them. Students could draw or digitally create their vision for it to be shared among our social media pages.

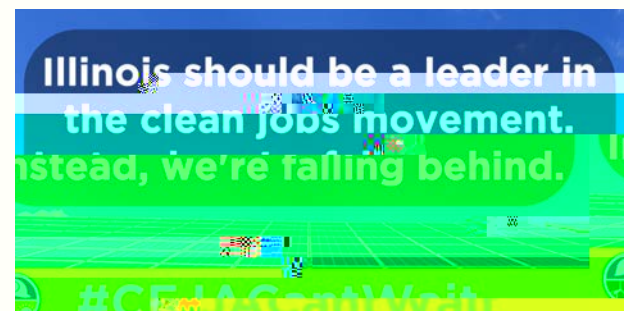


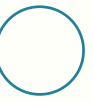
Those that sent in a creation were entered into a raffle for a chance to win a \$50 Target gift card. The winner was Joshua Segura!



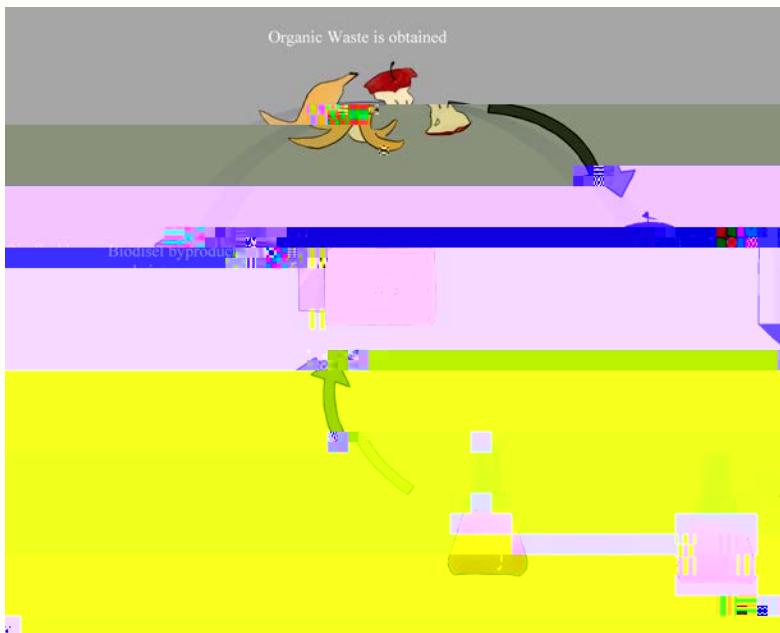
Lewis Sustainability teamed up with other institutions in SMHEC South Metropolitan higher education consortium for a sustainable cooking challenge. Students were asked to submit a sustainable recipe that they created. Pictures before, during, and after were included to make a digital cookbook! This allows students to explore sustainable cooking and put their creativity to the test. We might wonder how food is connected to sustainability and this provided an opportunity to do some research and experimenting. There are many ways to incorporate sustainability into cooking such as buying local produce, using in-season ingredients, and composting scraps.

January 29th was the one-year anniversary of Governor Pritzker's State of the State address, where he called urgent actions for clean energy. CEJA action days were meant to make Gov. Pritzker accountable for his broken promises. The Clean Energy Jobs Act would help create





came to mind for individuals include: social equity, justice, lifestyle changes, policy reform, and so much more! Throughout the week, we heard from Frank Voltattorni on his gardening experiences and presented tips for your garden! John Lerczak virtually introduced us to the sustainable attributes on campus including the bioswales that help with stormwater management. He also presented on recycling and how to properly dispose of our waste. To end the week, Amber Peckler and Kari Tetlow presented on Sustainability Around the World with a focus on the United Nations sustainable development goals.



Students had until January 31st, 2021 to submit their project proposal. From there, the proposals went through a vetoing process with the administration. There were six wonderful

submissions that exemplified sustainability on campus. The hard part was voting on which one would be implemented on campus. The project was voted on by the students, for the students. The funds for the project implementation are sourced from the sustainability fee that is included with tuition costs. It was crucial that students let their voices be heard for this competition. The winner of Come Clean Go Green 2021 was **“Food to Fuel: Biodiesel Processing for Campus and Community Use”**,

Written by Kristen Knych '21, Sol Ilanes '23, Sebastian Mietus '21, and Caitlin Shanahan '21! Plans for implementation and a celebration of the winners will take place during the summer. Stay tuned for more information.

