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To Whom it Concerns:

John Jay College has held an annual 3-day morning till night Environmental Film Festival in our Student Dining Hall each spring since 2014. (The 2020 festival was cancelled due to COVID). It brings a wide range of films and speakers to the college. The festival is open to the college community as well as the public. It is held in our 300 seat Student Dining Hall so that students who would not ordinarily attend an environmental film screening can “catch” a film and related discussion while they are there eating or relaxing. Students and faculty alike seem to enjoy this time learning about environmental sustainability.

The Festival has been instrumental in motivating students to enroll in the college’s Environmental Minor and to participate in the Environmental Club and Sustainability Council.

Faculty from all of the disciplines are encouraged to bring their entire class to the festival and to offer extra credit for students who attend on their own. Throughout the 3-day period there are usually 3 faculty members with their classes each period during the day as well as many students who are there eating. The dining hall is full a great part of the time and oftentimes there is standing room only.

The Environmental Club and interested students preview and identify films that will be of interest to multiple disciplines, reach out to faculty regarding films that may be of interest to their class, produce graphic advertisements for kiosks, and encourage other students to attend. The students also help interview invited speakers, hand out extra credit slips, replenish snacks, and contact AV Services if there is any problem with the equipment. More information about the 2018 and 2019 festivals is at: <http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/2018-ecocinema-cafe-marathon-film-festival> and <http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/2019-ecocinema-cafe-marathon-film-festival> .

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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Swenson".

