



Orange Coast College SUCCESS STORY

Supporting a college campus with sustainability

California is known for blazing the trail when it comes to sustainability, and their Orange Coast College (OCC) in Costa Mesa proudly continues the tradition. Since beginning its environmental efforts in 1970 by opening its own recycling center, OCC has become a sustainability leader among California's educational institutions. One of the main pieces of the college's sustainability plan is their "Healthy School" campaign.

OCC was the first college in California to have its own fixed recycling center.

With goals to integrate more sustainable solutions into the daily lives of students, faculty, and staff, OCC turned to a Veritiv facility advisor for help converting the school to more sustainable cleaning chemicals and procedures. After analyzing OCC's current operations, several alternative products were recommended, such as TM Glass, Express Scrub, Easy Trap, and Matting from 3M™, EPA-approved roll towels from Kimberly-Clark™, and neutral floor cleaner, multifold towels, and toilet tissue.

Veritiv also suggested and oversaw the implementation of water-efficient toilets, auto shut-off water faucets, energy-efficient lighting, recycling containers throughout the campus, "smart" thermostat controls, water reclamation and low-irrigation vegetation.

OCC implemented more environmentally friendly cleaning products and solutions that can **save approximately \$12,000 per year** and position them as a sustainability leader

With new solutions in place, OCC's "Healthy School" campaign had a greater impact on campus life and the environment. The college estimated that these changes can save approximately \$12,000 per

year in chemical use alone and reinforce OCC as an innovative leader in sustainability — a win for the school, community and planet.



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