

## Monthly Report to the Provost – Faculty of Science

The Faculty of Science (FoS) has the following to report for **October 2023**:

### Engaging Learners

The Environmental Studies program collaborated with the Office of Sustainability to participate in Student Wellness Week. They co-hosted a table on October 12th to discuss eco-anxiety with dozens of students.

**Dr. Stefania Pizzirani**, Associate Professor of Planning, Geography, and Environmental Studies (PGES), took her GEOG 331 class to the Browne Creek Wetlands in Chilliwack. They studied and worked alongside Natasha Cox, Director of the Fraser Valley Watershed Coalition. Her ENV 310 class visited Abbotsford City Hall, where they met with City Councillor Patricia Ross and Laura Midan, Head of Abbotsford Recycling and Compost, to discuss leadership in governance.

UFV Geoscience Associate Professor **Dr. Scott Shupe**, was a featured speaker at the Science Café hosted by the UFV Library earlier this month. He discussed BC's drought in the aftermath of another hot summer, the Chilliwack aquifer, and the environmental consequences of our changing climate. school-aged girls. On the advice from Betty Peters, the director of the Indigenous Student Centre, she invited Carrielynn Victor, a local Indigenous artist and biologist, to join her. The participants received an Indigenous scientific introduction by way of storytelling and learning about the scientific method and how to keep a field notebook. Many of the participants have registered for the next iteration on November 17.

**Dr. Alida Janmaat**, Biology Associate Professor, wrote an article for the BC Nature Kids, NatureWild entitled, "What Plants Can you identify this summer?" It included a pullout guide to some common BC plants.

<https://naturekidsbc.ca/>

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