

Jesuit High School - Green Ribbon Award

Jesuit High School is committed to practicing responsible environmental stewardship and teaching students to care for all of the world's resources: human, environmental, and economic. With the landmark decision to construct the green Elorriaga Mathematics and Science Center, Jesuit High School chose sustainable design as a logical expression of its values. Green design provides an opportunity to achieve a profound connection between curriculum, values, and the mission of Jesuit High School as stewards of each other and the earth.

Jesuit High School was nominated by the Oregon Department of Education and the Sustainable Oregon Schools Initiative. In 2013, Jesuit received the Oregon Pillar 3 award (Education for Sustainability). In 2014, Jesuit received the Oregon Pillar 1 Award (Environmental Impacts). Jesuit collects a wide variety of materials for recycling and strives to use durable dishware for faculty and staff. Jesuit also made great strides in the area of energy usage per student and student and faculty commuting via alternative forms of transit has increased. In April 2014, Acting Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality Mike Boots joined U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan to announce that Jesuit High School in Beaverton, Oregon is among the 2014 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools award honorees. [Click here to read the full press release](#) announcing Jesuit's Green Ribbon Award.

"In a recent General Congregation, the Society of Jesus identified our 'covenant with the earth' as one of the constitutive elements of all Jesuit ministry. To live the mission of the Society of Jesus today means to understand the fundamental spiritual and moral dimensions of ecological care and environmental justice. Our faith demands justice for the earth, and not just on the earth. In choosing to build its new science building with cutting-edge green technology, Jesuit High School offers both an example for others, and expresses concretely (pun intended) its continuing commitment to the Society's mission of faith doing justice in the reality of the world."

- John D. Whitney, Former Provincial, Society of Jesus, Oregon Province