

HIGHLIGHTS

FALL 2023

PSYCHOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Dr. Dean Elmore's *Psychology and the Environment* course focused on the relationship between human psychological and behavioral processes and contemporary environmental problems. The class hosted a "Plarn-A-Thon" event, where plastic bags were collected and turned into plastic yarn, or "plarn." The plarn was then donated to a local church group that weaves it into clean and durable bedrolls for individuals who are homeless.



ORGANIC CHEMISTRY I LABORATORY

Dr. Patrisha Bugayong and Sr. Lucy Gantt's sections of *Organic Chemistry I Laboratory* developed skills in the basic techniques of organic chemistry. At the end of the semester, students tested their new skills by welcoming local highschoolers to campus for a condensed version of one of the course's labs. Preparing to teach the lab to someone else challenged the students to more thoroughly learn the material, and participating in the event gave the highschoolers exposure to a college STEM environment.

ENTREPRENEURIAL MANAGEMENT & MARKETING

Dr. David Bryant's *Entrepreneurial Management & Marketing* considered issues faced by growing businesses. The class worked with Atchison's Sacred Heart Variety Store, the proceeds of which benefit St. Benedict Catholic School, to recruit more volunteers, expand social media presence, and conduct pricing research on collectible items in the store. Photo: A student models some items from Sacred Heart on the store's student-run Instagram page.



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