GROW WHAT WE EAT, EAT WHAT WE GROW

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OUR HISTORY:

THROUGH THE COLLABORATION OF LEADERS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, HISTORY, NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES, AND GEOSCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT WHO APPLIED FOR A USDA NIFA GRANT, THE CAL STATE LA URBAN FOOD GARDEN WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2020.

OUR GOAL:

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OUR WHAT:

- ENGAGE THE CAL STATE LA COMMUNITY
- EXPAND EDUCATION
- DEVELOP A COMPOSTING PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CAL STATE LA FOOD PANTRY

OUR WHY:

BY COLLABORATING WITH EXISTING DEPARTMENTS AND EXPANDING PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS CAMPUS, WE CAN INCREASE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE GARDEN, POOL KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES, AND EXPAND PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND FOOD SECURITY WHILE SUPPORTING THE BIODIVERSITY OF THE CAMPUS.

OUR HOW:

PHASE 1:

- INCREASE AWARENESS OF GARDEN
- DEVELOP COMPOSTING PROGRAM
  - SOURCE FOOD WASTE FROM FOOD PANTRY
  - IDENTIFY & COMPILE COMPOSTING BEST PRACTICES
- COMPILE BEST PLANTING PRACTICES IDENTIFIED BY OTHER GARDEN DEPARTMENTS

PHASE 2:

- EXPAND URBAN GARDENING EDUCATION PROGRAMMING
- INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION & COMPOSTING CAPACITY
- IMPLEMENT COMPOSTING MAINTENANCE TRAINING
- DEVELOP PLANTING PLAN AND SEED COLLECTION

PHASE 3:

- INCREASE COLLABORATION ACROSS DEPARTMENTS & THE GREATER LA COMMUNITY
- SUSTAINABLY INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION THROUGH UTILIZATION OF SELF-PRODUCED COMPOST















