Welcome Back! Become A Certified Green Lab Today!

The last 18 months have certainly been challenging for the green labs program and all of us at Caltech. With the anticipated return of in-person classes this fall, Caltech Sustainability is excited to resume our green lab programs. The primary focus of this new academic year will be our green lab certification program, and our first two awardees are the Prober lab (Platinum) and the Ondrus lab (Gold). Below are the respective participants with award plaques installed on the exterior of the labs. Congratulations!

According to the Prober lab, “many of our lab members are concerned about our future. We see the environmental impact of our society, and feel it particularly keenly as biologists. Our lab feels that we have a social responsibility to care about our impact on the planet: how we use single-use plastics, how we think of energy usage, the kinds of reagents we order, etc. While the work scientists do often requires non-environmentally friendly choices (for example: the use of gloves to maintain sterility for experiments), we believe we make a more significant, longer-lasting impact if we also make efforts to reduce the negative effects of our research on the environment. By making sustainable choices, we not only save money and resources for our lab, we also minimize our environmental impact and advance scientific progress, all while protecting the very thing we study: life on Earth. The members of Prober lab are extraordinarily proud to participate in and promote the Green Lab Initiatives at Caltech and other research institutions, and in our community, and look forward to a sustainable future.

“Millions of people will benefit from scientific discoveries. By making sustainable science, we help make this impact indefinite.” – Altyn Rymbek, Graduate Student in the Prober Lab

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