

# WELCOME!

## A Note from the Sustainability Coordinator

Happy 2017! I hope everyone is having a happy and healthy holiday season!

As promised last month, I have more information for you about our recent sustainability report! STARS (The **Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System™**) is a transparent, self-reporting framework for colleges and universities to measure their sustainability performance. As some of you know, we reported our sustainability data to STARS in November. In December, we received a response from AASHE asking us to review our several criteria areas of our submission. (This is normal and expected!) We are currently doing so and hope to have all updated information into the submission by the end of this month. At that time, we hope to have our official ranking.

In the Sustainability Office, we are excited for many items on the horizon in 2017. Please watch for updates each month! In the meantime, be sure to become an **Energy Ambassador** this semester! Learn more at [energy.siu.edu](http://energy.siu.edu).

Sustainably yours,

Geory Kurtzhals



# UPDATES

## Career Closet

Please support our students by donating your unwanted gently used professional clothing, which will be added to the Career Closet located at the Student Multicultural Resource Center. (This is the same Career Closet that was formally located at Career Services.)

Please also share this info with your friends outside of SIU as an opportunity to support our students!

# CAREER CLOSET

JAN. 23  
through FEB. 10

Support our students by donating your professional clothing! All sizes are welcome.



Drop-off Locations:

**Grinnell** (Student Multicultural Resource Center) - 1-7 P.M. (Mon.-Thurs.), 8-4:30 P.M. (Fri.)

**Lentz** (Area Office) - 8-4:30 P.M. (Mon.-Fri.)

**Student Rec Center** (Second floor, Member Services)- 8-5 P.M. (Mon.-Fri.)

**Innovation & Sustainability Hub** (Student Center) - 8-4:30 P.M. (Mon.-Fri.)

**SIU** STUDENT MULTICULTURAL  
RESOURCE CENTER

**SIU** SUSTAINABILITY

**Become and Energy Ambassador!**

COMING TO SIU SPRING 2017

## BECOME AN ENERGY AMBASSADOR



- Learn how to reduce your carbon footprint
- Earn certificates and other perks

A MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSE AND APP

Visit [energy.siu.edu](http://energy.siu.edu) to sign up!

**SIU** Southern Illinois University  
Carbondale

## NEWS/RESOURCES

[Ford's Rouge Complex – their oldest and largest facility – now sends zero manufacturing waste to landfills](#) - To watch a video on their achievements, you can sign in to Facebook and click [here!](#) Or you can read about it [here.](#)



[California to Regulate Energy Use of Desktop Computers and Monitors](#) – The rules passes by the state’s energy agency represent another step in California’s efforts to drastically lower its greenhouse gas emissions.

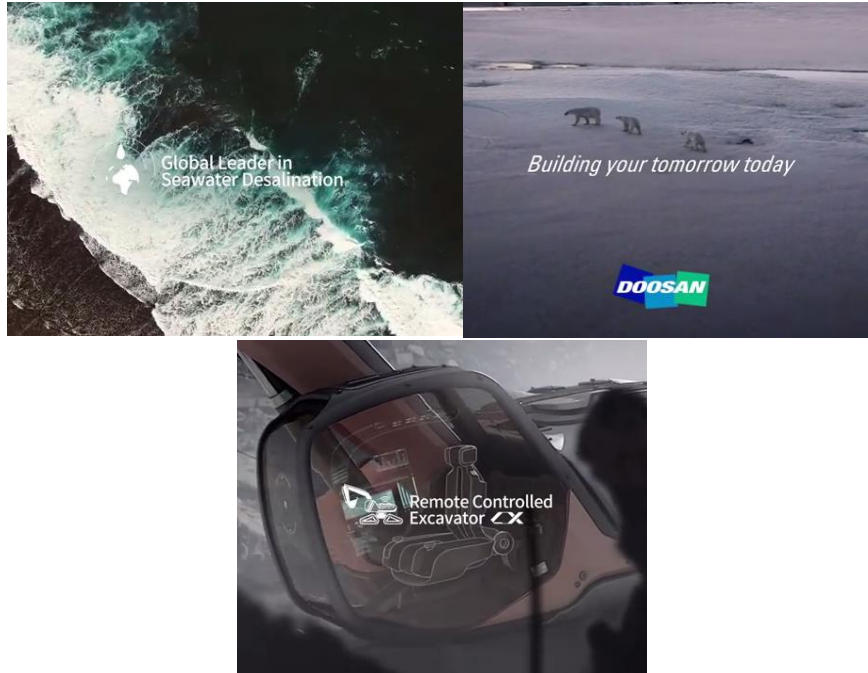
[Rockefeller Foundation, USDA, EPA to Create Center for Action Against Food Waste](#) - A partnership of 12 organization is set to launch an online hub for information and solutions to reduce food waste, “Further With Food: Center for Food Loss and Waste Solutions,” at [FurtherWithFood.org](#).

[U.S. EPA Releases Final Report on Impacts from Hydraulic Fracturing Activities on Drinking Water Resources](#)

## INSPIRATION

[Fleet Farming? How One Group Wants to Turn Your Front Yard into a Full-Fledge Farm](#) - A group of volunteers in Orlando is trying to change the way we eat. Owners keep a portion of their produce and the volunteers take the rest to local farmer’s markets and restaurants.

Doosan is laying the groundwork to help build a better future for humanity across the globe. They grant billions of dollars in scholarships to students, have received over \$220 million in environmental research grants, and more! Check out some of their videos below.



[Doosan - Water Desalination](#)

[Doosan - Energy](#)

[Doosan - Disaster Technology](#)

## JOBS/OPPORTUNITIES

### Local Opportunities

#### All compostable containers at Harbaugh's Café in Carbondale

Harbaugh's Café in Carbondale is switching over to all compostable containers for take-out orders. You can use your consumer voice to show support for environmentally friendly restaurants by supporting establishments like this one!



### The Big Event: A Saluki Day of Service

**Save the Date!**

**April 1, 2017**

**The BIG Event: A Saluki Day of Service** will be the largest one-day student-run community service project in SIU history!

On this day, students, faculty and staff volunteers will complete projects for nonprofit organizations in the Carbondale area. This is our THANK YOU to the community for supporting SIU.

Want to make a **BIG** difference?  
For more information, go to:  
**thebigevent.siu.edu**

Volunteer registration opens  
January 17, 2017.



## Regional Opportunities

### AmeriCorps State and National Grants

**Application Due: January 18, 2017**

AmeriCorps awards grants to organizations to implement programs that use AmeriCorps members to engage in evidence-based interventions to strengthen communities. Funding areas include education, environmental stewardship and more. [Learn more.](#)

### GCA Scholarships

GCA offers several scholarships available to undergraduate and graduate students that benefit plant species and their habitat. See them all [here!](#)

Examples....

Zeller Summer Scholarship in Medicinal Botany

For summer study following any undergraduate year

Award: \$2,000

Deadline: February 1, of the year preceding the summer of study

The Garden Club of America Board of Associates Centennial Pollinator Fellowship

Graduate Student Fellowship

Award: \$4,000

Deadline: February 6, 2017

The Garden Club of America Award in Desert Studies

For graduates and advanced undergrads

Award: \$4,000

Deadline: January 15

## **Jobs/Internships**

[Science Outreach Coordinator, Space and Earth Science Data Analysis, Greenbelt, MD.](#) - ADNET Systems Inc. is seeking a Junior Science Education and Public Engagement Specialist, who will enthusiastically share the work of NASA Goddard's people and projects with the public, educators, and students in a variety of settings.

[Interpretive Naturalist, Part time, March-October, Knoch Knolls Nature Center, Naperville, IL.](#)

[Project TRUE Program Assistant, Wildlife Conservation Society, Bronx Zoo, NY.](#)

[Environmental Specialist, New Age Protection INC, Fort Belvoir, VA.](#)

[Sustainability Manager, Ply Gem Siding, Kansas City, MO.](#)

## **Conferences**

[Call for Proposals: Greenbuild International Conference & Expo](#)

Greenbuild invites session proposals for its International Conference & Expo happening Nov. 8-10, 2017, in Boston, Massachusetts. This conference features educational sessions covering all aspects of sustainable design, construction and operations practices for buildings and communities, including their impact on people, the environment and the economy. The call for proposals closes on Jan. 13.





### [2017 Stewardship Network Conference](#)

The Stewardship Network is pleased to bring you two great days of informative presentations, networking sessions and workshops that will focus on the Science, Practice & Art of Restoring Native Ecosystems. [Join us](#) on January 13 & 14 for a great line up presentations; connect with natural areas professionals, volunteers, and researchers with decades of experience as well as students and newcomers to the field. Discover new ideas and techniques that you will into practice in your daily work. Through plenary talks, focused presentations and workshops, conference participants will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of ecosystem restoration.

### [Wild Things Conference 2017](#)

Volunteers, advocates, citizen scientists, researchers, and nature enthusiasts from across the Chicago Region will be coming together February 18 at the UIC Forum for our seventh biennial conference, *Wild Things!* Looking for ways to get involved? Wild Things is a volunteer-powered gathering and [they are in need of volunteers](#) who can assist with conference planning, as well as those who can help them on the day the conference.

## GREEN TIP

[10 easy, green New Year's resolutions \(even if you're a slacker ;\)](#) – These resolutions will help you save money, cut your carbon footprint and decrease your home's waste!



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