

Welcome!

Happy December from the team at the Sustainability Office!

Whether you are preparing for final exams and projects or you are wrapping up your semester work, we hope you have a great December! Watch for this newsletter, which will now arrive at the beginning of each month (excluding January). We welcome your ideas and comments, so please visit us at the Sustainability Office (located on the first floor of the Student Center) or email us at sustainability@siu.edu. We hope to hear from you!

The Sustainability Office Team (Geory, Cami, Greg, and Austin)

Updates

#DawgGoneGreen

This football season, #DawgGoneGreen volunteers promoted recycling with SIU tailgaters. During evening games, the rate of recyclables diverted (from landfill) per attendee of the game raised 26% from our first home game. During afternoon games, the diversion rate per person improved 58%. Over 1.78 tons of recyclables were diverted overall! Many thanks to the volunteers, athletics, PSO staff, and patrons who contributed to the success of this program!



Dawgs Nite Out

During the November 13th Dawgs Nite Out, the Sustainability Office presented Zero Waste to students and staff. Zero Waste is a philosophy that encourages redesigning the waste stream so that the maximum number of products are reused instead of being sent to a landfill. At the event, we conducted a waste audit, which estimated that 86% of the current waste stream could be recycled or composted and doesn't have to be sent to the landfill! That's a lot of savings! Join us for the next Dawgs Night Out Zero Waste event on January 22nd in the Student Center!



Sustainable Saluki Film Series

Join us tonight for our last film of the semester! We are screening *Plastic Paradise* in the Guyon Auditorium at 7pm with Greg Aldrich, our guest speaker and Recycling Assistant. Learn more about recycling on campus and how you can help! For the spring semester film series, we plan to collaborate with faculty and staff from Automotive Technology, Nutrition and Wellness, and Architecture. Stay tuned for film announcements!

Career Closet

We are excited to announce an event which will help students to receive career clothing for FREE! Faculty and staff, you can donate your gently used professional clothing and students will be able to browse it to find career-appropriate attire for events such as interviews. This event is hosted by our office in collaboration with the Student Recreation Center and Career Services and will be located in the Student Center Kaskaskia Room: February 8-12 from 10am-2pm.

Food Waste Audit

Dining hall staff and volunteers completed food waste audits in November! Volunteers scraped post-consumer food waste into bins and weighed it to create awareness around our daily choices and also to gather data. Did you know that the [EPA estimates](#) that 25-40 percent of the food that is grown, processed and transported in the United States will never be consumed? We are happy to see our partners in Dining Services tackling the world-wide issue of food waste!



Paris Climate Conference

Leaders of over 150 countries are currently meeting in Paris in hopes to achieve a legally binding and universal agreement on Climate Change. Talks will be held until December 11. We are hopeful that leaders will make new aggressive standards to battle Climate Change. Prior to the conference, over 200 colleges and Universities signed the [American Campus Act on Climate Pledge](#), supporting strong climate action.



Jobs/Opportunities

Sustainability Office seeking Sustainability Fellows starting next semester!

We are looking for a few professional, enthusiastic, and driven students to work side-by-side with us on sustainability initiatives. Join us as we build a foundation for a new phase of sustainability at SIU!

- Commitment: 8-10 hours a week, to be treated as a professional job with set working hours and performance expectations
- Benefits: This is unpaid and purely voluntary. However, you will gain professional experience, build project management skills, practice leadership skills, and influence the future of sustainability at SIU!
- In addition, this opportunity could be adapted to meet the requirements of the GEOG 480 Internship in the Geography Program. Click [here](#) for more information.

This is a new program, so we are looking for students (graduate or undergraduate) with versatile skills and a willingness to adapt to the varied needs of the office! Please email Geory Kurtzhals, Sustainability Coordinator, at glkurtzhals@siu.edu, if you are interested.

Jobs:

[Assistant/Associate/Full Professor in Urban Sustainability, UNC Wilmington \(NC\)](#)

[Sustainable Technology Coordinator, Oberlin College \(OH\)](#)

[Sustainable Consumption Specialist, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality \(Portland, OR\)](#)

[SCA Sustainability Fellow: Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority \(Pittsburgh, PA\)](#)

[Communications Design Fellow, Foresight Design Initiative \(Chicago, IL\)](#)

[NOLS Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability GIS Internship \(Lander, WY\)](#)

[DINING SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER - CHARTWELLS HIGHER ED \(Hamilton, NY\)](#)

[Farm Manager, Mills College \(Oakland, CA\)](#)

[Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Georgetown University \(Washington, DC\)](#)

[Academic and Student Engagement Coordinator, Brown University \(Providence, RI\)](#)

[The Nature Conservancy \(varied locations\)](#)

[Nonprofit Grant Writer, Kestrel Educational Adventures, \(Gloucester, MA\)](#)

[SIU Sustainability Jobs webpage](#)

Conferences:

[2016 Stewardship Network Conference](#)

[2016 Illinois Association of Conservation Districts Conference](#)

[76th Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference](#)

Inspiration

North Carolina State [saved \\$87,000](#) in energy costs this summer!

The University of Illinois at Chicago is [sharing energy consumption data](#) through building dashboards

The University of Alberta is working to [divert 1500 tonnes of organic waste](#) from landfills!

Green Tip

Shop at thrift stores for winter gear this season. As Adrian Grenier, from *Entourage*, put it, “they are like lost and found boxes with small price tags.” How convenient!

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