

SUSTAINABLE SALUKIS NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME NOTE FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE

We are pleased to again share news with you via our Sustainable Salukis newsletter! Our most exciting recent development has been the addition of our Sustainability Program Coordinator, Karen Schauwecker, to our team. An introduction to Karen is included below. She has enthusiastically jumped into her role and I look forward to all the ways she will help us to move sustainability forward at SIU!

In addition, this newsletter includes highlights of current programs and updates from happenings during our newsletter hiatus.

We've added a new feature, a 'Sustainability 101' topic! You'll see it below and we'd love your feedback.

We hope this newsletter is both informative and engaging.

Sustainably Yours,
Geory Kurtzhals



GREEN FUND DEADLINE

March 1st is the deadline to submit grant applications for Round One of the Green Fund Project. Learn more about the application and submission process [here](#).

EARTH MONTH 2018

Earth Month is fast approaching. If you have an event you would like to be featured, submit it to be included in our calendar of activities [here](#).

ALL ABOUT RECYCLEMANIA



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- Highlights of Spring 2018 events
- Sustainability 101 topic
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- Jobs and student opportunities
- Local sustainability events News, Green Tips, and more.

A NOTE FROM KAREN

Hello Sustainable Salukis!

My name is Karen Schauwecker and I recently joined the Sustainability Office as your new Program Coordinator. Some of my experiences include working on a voter registration campaign in Arizona, native plant landscaping in California, and trail building for the Montana Conservation Corps. I am a Carbondale native and moved back to complete a Master's in Geography and Environmental Resources at SIU in 2015. While at SIU, I also had the opportunity to work with the LOGIC garden and the SIU Sustainable Vegetable Farm. After graduating, I taught k-8 curriculum in a garden setting in Birmingham, AL with Jones Valley Teaching Farm and then worked at Sewanee, the University of the South as an Assistant Farm Manager.



I look forward to collaborating with students, staff and faculty. Stop by the Sustainability Hub or email karens@siu.edu with your sustainable ideas!

Sustainability 101: Life Cycle Assessment

Do you know what happens to the stuff you buy before and after you own it? Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) considers all the stages of a material, from extraction to disposal. LCA guides all of us, but especially designers, engineers, architects, and manufacturers to mitigate negative environmental impact.

Real-life connection:

- The next time you buy something, consider what you will do with it when you no longer want it. Choose items that can be recycled, remanufactured, or reused.
- Opt for items made from recycled materials instead of newly extracted raw materials.
- Students – ask your professors to teach you about LCA. This knowledge is useful in any area, but if you are an engineering, architecture, business, or design student, and have not heard about this topic, ask your professors to teach you about it today!



SPRING 2018 EVENTS UPDATES

RECYCLEMANIA 2018



Recyclemania is the annual national competition which focuses on recycling among college campuses. Each year, hundreds of college campuses compete to see who diverts the most from the landfill. It is friendly, challenging and educational all at once. The competition runs 8-weeks from February 5th to March 31st. Our next event is March 2nd at the Student Center. Stop by our table! Check out the how Salukis are doing at the competition [here](#). **Green Tip:** use cold water to wash clothes to conserve energy.

April is Earth Month! April 22nd is Earth Day, April 27th is Arbor Day and we are treating the entire month as Earth Month! We encourage everyone to participate by hosting sustainability-related events. The Sustainability Office creates a campus wide calendar to help promote your events! In order to be included in our calendar, please fill out this [form](#). You can check the responses on the Google Spreadsheet to make sure your event does not coincide with another event. **Green Tip:** Turn off lights and unplug all electrical devices when not in use.

EARTH MONTH 2018



GREEN FUND DEADLINE



Our last Green Fund Workshop was held on February 12th. Applications for the first round of submissions are still open until March 1st. If you have not already, you still have time to submit your application via email to greenfund@siu.edu. Read more about the [project criteria](#) to be sure your proposal qualifies before submitting. **Green Tip:** Save paper; opt for emails or print on both sides of paper.

March 7th is [SIU's Annual Day of Giving](#). Students, staff, faculty, and community members are all encouraged to participate in this event. You can [give a gift online](#), spread the word on social media with #SIUDAY, or ask people to make a contribution. Help make a difference for the #Saluki family! SIU Sustainability will be included. **Green Tip:** Consider walking or using a bike to campus.

SIU DAY OF GIVING



FALL 2017 EVENTS UPDATES

Catch up on all the amazing programs we had last fall. Thanks to our sustainability family from all around campus and our awesome volunteers!

SALUKI SERVICE DAY



SALUKI GREEN ACTION TEAM DAY



FOOTBALL GAMEDAY CHALLENGE

ECO-CHALLENGE 2017



COMPETITIONS						
CHALLENGE ANOTHER TEAM						
CHALLENGER	MEMBERS	POINTS	VS.	CHALLENGED	MEMBERS	POINTS
SIUE GREEN TEAM	67	9256		SALUKI GREEN ACTION TEAM	90	8575

GREEN JOBS & OPPORTUNITIES

- ✦ **Summer Institute on Sustainability and Energy (SISE) 2018**
 Applications for SISE 2018 is now open. Apply to be a part of the #bestnerdsonearth. Perks include: No program fee – Free lodging – Transportation scholarships for most students. Deadline is June 15. [Apply now.](#)
- ✦ **Keep Carbondale Beautiful**
 KCB is seeking a board member for a 1-year term starting in January. The time commitment is one 1-hr meeting per month with other contributions throughout the year (spring and fall tree sale; spring cleanup and recycling day; garden tour). Most correspondence is by email. Board members serve as a liaison to a wider audience and share ideas and advice. Students are welcome to apply. For more information, contact Sarah Heyer at keepcb1326@gmail.com.
- ✦ **HeartLands Conservancy**
 HeartLands Conservancy is seeking a **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION** oversee all aspects of finance/accounting, including payroll, budgeting and financial analysis. Bachelor's Degree in accounting (or related field) required, ideally with an MBA/CPA or related degree. [Apply now.](#)
- ✦ **ISEA Green Jobs** – find green jobs at <https://illinoissolar.org/jobs/>

NEWS & RESOURCES

- ✦ The Solar Foundation released its eighth annual National Solar Jobs Census, a report on solar employment nationwide and by state. You can download the full report and view an infographic, state-by-state numbers, and other details at SolarJobsCensus.org.
- ✦ Illinois Has Most SolSmart Designees in the Nation. While the state of Illinois gears up for the implementation of the Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA) – which provides the opportunity for 2,000 MW of solar to be developed by 2020 – communities and counties are making sure that they will be ready for the influx of solar projects. Learn more about [SolSmart's](#) work in Illinois.
- ✦ The Environmental Justice Associate at the [Student Environmental Resource Center \(SERC\)](#) at UC Berkeley has compiled resources related to environmental justice and environmental intersectionality for the past year. The purpose of this is to fill some of the gaps we have in mainstream environmentalism and to provide some of the tools to facilitate these conversations in environmental spaces.
- ✦ PLAN (The Post-Action Landfill Network) cultivates, educates, and inspires the student-led zero waste movement. Visit the website for more info: postlandfill.org.

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

- ✦ Join **Keep Carbondale Beautiful in the Spring 2018 Cleanup** around Carbondale. The next event is March 4th. View the [full schedule of events](#) online.
- ✦ **Illinois Butterfly Monitoring Training**
Sunday, April 8, 2018, 9am- 3pm.
Cache River State Natural Area, Barkhausen-Cache River Wetlands Center, 8885 State Route 37 South, Cypress, Illinois 62923
Contact Site Interpreter 618-657-2064 for information. See [Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum](#) for additional information.
- ✦ **SIU Tunnel of Oppression**
Tunnel of Oppression is an event that exposes participants to a representation of blatant forms of discrimination and oppression. Participants are challenged to consider how oppression, inclusiveness and exclusivity have impacted them and the individuals or groups surrounding them. [Sign up here](#).
- ✦ **The Carbondale Police Needs Your Help – Safety & Satisfaction Survey**
To complete the survey, please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DWHY65L>

"Saving our planet, lifting people out of poverty, advancing economic growth... these are one and the same fight. We must connect the dots between climate change, water scarcity, energy shortages, global health, food security and women's empowerment. Solutions to one problem must be solutions for all." - Ban Ki-Moon

GET IN TOUCH WITH US

Have any questions, comments, concerns?

- ✦ Visit us at the Sustainability Hub or Sustainability Office in the Student Center
- ✦ Visit us at sustainability.siu.edu || Send us an [email](#) || Call us: (618) 453-2786



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