

WELCOME!

Greetings from the SIU Sustainability Office! If you are receiving this newsletter for the first time, welcome!

With summer just around the corner, we want to wish you luck as you all prepare for the semester's end. Whether that means studying for finals, finishing up class projects, or wrapping up other odds and ends, we know you will make it to that finish line! While summer can be a time for relaxing, we hope you will use this last newsletter of the academic year as a tool to stay involved with SIU, the community, volunteer, or work on other life and career goals as well! Here's to a fun and productive summer!

Sincerely,

The Sustainability Office

UPDATES

Give and Go!

As part of a collaboration between SIU Housing, Carbondale community organizations, S.E.N.S.E. RSO, the Gaia House, and the Sustainability Office, SIU will again be offering a process to donate gently used items at move-out for Spring 2016.

Donation stations will be set up between May 5th and May 15th inside residence areas within University Housing (West Campus, East Campus, Wall and Grand, and University Hall) and at Gaia House (for donations from students who live off-campus). At these locations, students can drop off donations such as nonperishable food items, clothing (including shoes), small appliances, fans, and bedding. [More information can be found here!](#)



Farm to Fork

SIU hosted its first ever Farm to Fork dinner on April 26th in the Old Main Restaurant located in the Student Center. The dinner celebrated and promoted Southern Illinois farmers and smart consumerism with local food choices! Featuring a three-course meal prepared by SIU executive Chef, Chef Bill, the dinner made a statement about the integrity that comes with knowing where your food comes from, using a variety of foods no more than 30 miles from Carbondale. The event was hosted by

SIU's Sustainability Office in collaboration with SIU's Sustainable Farm and University Housing along with All Seasons Farm, Lick Creek Beef, the Flyway Farm, Miller Potato Farm, Flamm Orchards, and Mcnitt Growers. There were a number of student volunteers who helped with dinner prep, serving, and clean up! Thank you to everyone who showed their support!



Bike to Work Week

The whole month of May is 'Bike Month', and this year 'Bike to Work Week' falls on May 16-20, the first week after spring classes end. To celebrate, SIU and the city of Carbondale have some great events planned in support of a bike friendly campus and community! Join us on **May 19th from 11am-2pm** outside the north end of the Student Center to learn about bicycling as a more sustainable means of transportation, bike safety and wellness, and to get your bike registered and all tuned up for summer with Saluki Spokes! There will be some giveaways, too! In addition, the city of Carbondale has some awesome events planned too, including a bike scavenger hunt, a ride and dine, and bike night! Please check out the flyer below for details!

According to national studies, 40 percent of errands are two miles or less. Of these, 68 percent are by car. Taking just a few of those trips each week by bike will improve health, cut down on fossil-fuel usage and pollution, and improve the quality of life for everyone!



May
National Bike Month!
Sign up
nationalbikechallenge.org

Follow us on Facebook
Jackson County Health Dept.
Bike Friendly Carbondale
#Plan4Health
#Plan4HealthJCHCC
#APAIL
#BikeCdale

Sponsored by







Saturday April 30
Multi-Use Path
Ribbon Cutting
University Mall
1 pm

May 1 -20
Bike Scavenger Hunt
Bike Friendly Carbondale Facebook event
#BikeCdale
#Plan4Health
#Plan4HealthJCHCC
#APAIL

Wednesday May 18
Get your bike ready!
Use fix it stations around town
10 am-noon
City Hall
4pm-6pm
Turley Park

Wednesday May 18
Bike to the Brown Bag
Featuring
Ivas John
Town Square Pavilion
Noon – 1 pm



Wednesday May 18
Bike to the Carbondale Community Farmers Market
200 Block of Washington St.
3pm-6pm

Thursday May 19
SIU Bike Day
Saluki Spokes
Fit-It Station
SIU Student Center
11 am-2pm

Friday May 20
Ride and Dine with the City
Ride from City Hall to SIU
Free Lunch after ride at Town Square Pavilion 11am-1pm

Friday May 27
Fourth Friday Fair
Bike Night
Featuring
Han Predator
Town Square Pavilion
6pm-9pm

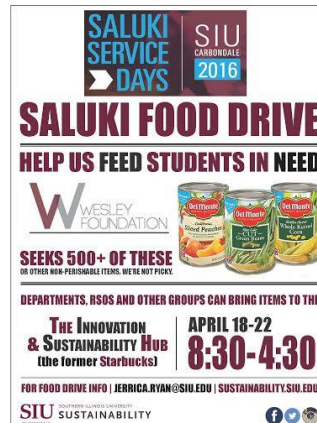
Saluki Service Days

Thank you to everyone who volunteered with and supported Saluki Service Days! Students, faculty, and staff volunteered over 300 hours at a variety of campus and community entities. In addition, over 1000 food and hygiene items were collected (more information below)!



Saluki Food Drive is a huge success!

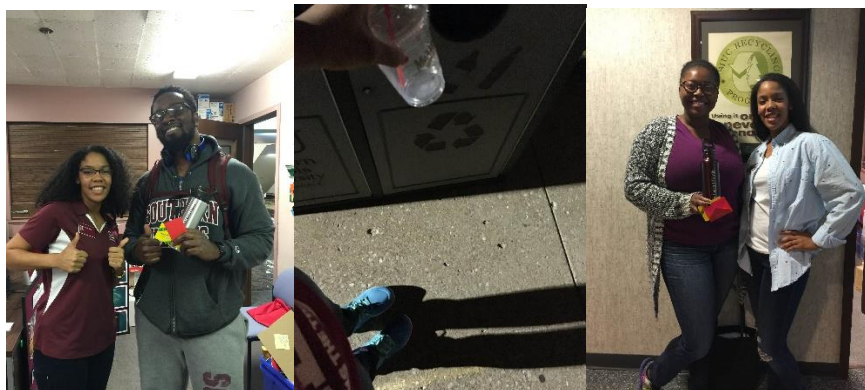
As part of Saluki Service Days, the SIU joined with the Wesley Foundation to raise non-perishable food and hygiene donations for the student food bank. A friendly competition was held to help promote thinking towards finding a solution to lessen student hunger. The results from the Saluki Food Drive are in! The group with the largest amount of donations was the Wellness Center with 608 items collected for the Wesley Foundation at SIUC's campus food bank! Second place went to the Saluki Science Ambassadors with 140 items, and in third place was the SIUC Department of English, who collected 84 food donations. The target goal was set at 500 items and the final count was 1,202! We are so amazed at all the generosity from the SIU community, and would like to thank everyone who contributed to the cause!



RecycleMania Results!

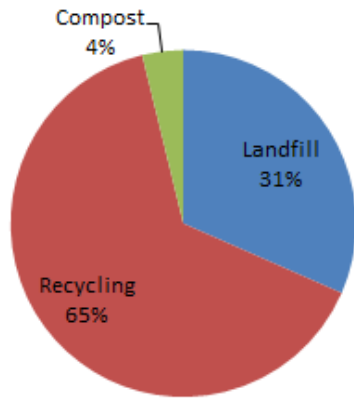
Throughout March and April, SIU participated in RecycleMania, a friendly competition and benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities to their campus communities. In the competition's Guerilla category for Illinois, which measures the amount of waste diverted from the landfill, SIU came in **second place!** We ranked third overall in Illinois. Go Salukis!

To promote recycling on campus the Sustainability Office also held a "Caught Green-Handed" photo contest where students could post a pic of themselves recycling an item on campus with the tag [#SIUCaughtGreenHanded](#) for some gift card prizes. We had two winners, Jasmine Hardmin and Ime Akpan! Way to go, guys!



Dawgs Nite Out Waste Audit Results

The Sustainability Office had a ton of fun at this spring's Dawgs Nite Out *Game Night* at the Student Rec Center. We performed a waste audit at the event. Here are the results: Landfill total: 42.8 pounds; Recycling total: 87.6 pounds; Compost total: 5.2 pounds.

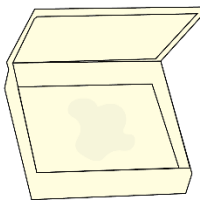


Did you know that you can recycle pizza boxes? Just remove the insert and any leftover food scraps! At Dawgs Nite Out, SIU provided its students with a free pizza dinner! It made a world of difference that we were able to recycle all of those pizza boxes, making recycling the largest category for disposal!

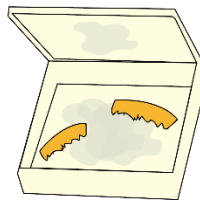
SIU now recycles pizza boxes!

RECYCLE

(please remove all inserts and food)



DO NOT RECYCLE



Where can I place empty pizza boxes?

- Burris dumpsters labeled "cardboard" outside residence halls and other campus buildings
- Next to most campus paper recycling bins

NEWS

The [Green Fund award recipients](#) have been announced! A total of more than \$240,800 was allocated for 20 diverse projects this spring. The announcement of the winning projects came during campus Earth Day festivities on April 22. Follow the link to read about the upcoming green funded projects!

[EPA's Safer Choice Program informational video](#)
[Learn why one EPA mom is choosing Safer Choice](#)



[Illinois agriculture leader talks budget cuts](#)

[Keep Carbondale Beautiful looking for trash hot spots for spring cleanup](#)

[Students gather for 10th annual Perry County Home and Farm Safety Day](#)

JOBS/OPPORTUNITIES

Ready to get involved? Below are a few local and regional jobs/opportunities to look into for more experience and education, and FUN!

Local Events and Opportunities:

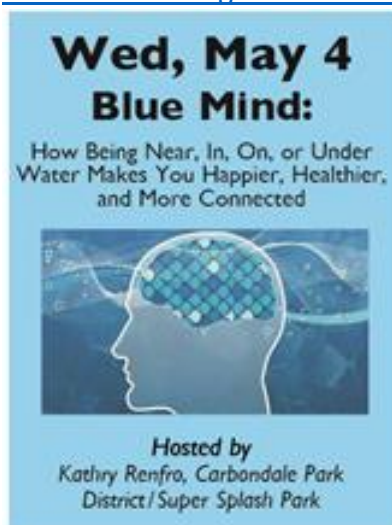
[Illinois Native Plant Society Annual Gathering, June 3-5 at Touch of Nature Environmental Center](#)

[The SIU Student Sustainable Farm is offering a SCA this year \(Community Supported Agriculture\)](#)

[Volunteer with SIU Touch of Nature!](#)

[Join LOGIC for 'Fun in the Field', volunteer work days every Friday](#)

[Sustainable Living Film Series at Longbranch Cafe & Bakery on May 4](#)



For more local events you can check out the Beautify Southern Illinois Calendar [here](#).

Regional Opportunities:

[6th annual Summer Institute on Sustainability and Energy, "Nexus" program, University of Illinois at Chicago, August 4-16](#)

The Summer Institute on Sustainability and Energy (SISE) is a two-week intensive workshop and lecture series for students and professionals. This summer the program, entitled 'Nexus' will be from August 4-16. A diverse body of participants will engage a broad spectrum of energy and sustainability-related topics in response to challenges resulting from 1) a growing world population, 2) the need to cultivate more food, 3) a dwindling supply of available water resources, and 4) unforeseen disasters as result of climate change. It is important for energy and sustainability-minded professionals, and all future decision makers, to become fluent in the issues surrounding the nexus, and to work together to implement innovative solutions in the decades to come.

SISE is now accepting applications! Participants can expect lodging for the duration of the 2-week program. Many participants will receive support for travel costs as well. Applications will be accepted through July 1, 2016. To access the application, click [here](#).

Jobs/Internships:

[Keep Carbondale Beautiful offers SIUC student internships](#)
[Conservation Education Representative, Jackson County, Illinois, **deadline approaching!**](#)
[Environmental Health & Safety Manager, Dublin, VA, US](#)
[Subject Matter Expert Environmental Science, eScience Labs LLC, Sheridan, CO](#)
[Recreation Trails Program Grants Program Assistant, NYS Parks, Rec & Hist Pres, Albany, NY](#)
[Environmental Coordinator, Markwest Energy Partners, L.P., Kingfisher, OK](#)
[Online Bioenergy Professional Certificate Course, University of Vermont, June 15 - Aug 3](#)
[Environmental Summer Intern, Amec Foster Wheeler Environmental & Infrastructure, Hamilton, NJ](#)

Conferences:

[Energypath 2016 Conference, Penn State, PA July 25-29](#)

*The *Sustainable Energy Fund* is proud to **provide full scholarships to students and educators** on a first come, first served basis to attend Energypath 2016.!

[2016 Green Sports Alliance Summit, Houston, TX, June 28-30](#)

The summit will feature case studies and speakers from professional sports franchises and facilities in Houston that are working collaboratively as leaders to implement better sustainability practices to advance the green sports movement.

INSPIRATION

[Bringing Solar Power And Jobs To Low-Income Neighborhoods](#)
[Climate Resiliency Project Wins Federal Competition](#)
[Target Makes Efforts to Go Organic and Pulls Major Processed Brands Off the Shelves](#)
[WWF Global, Stories of climate change & climate action](#)

GREEN TIP

With the end of the semester closely approaching many of you might be getting ready to move out of the residence halls or switch leases! In addition to SIU's Give and Go! program (see details [here](#)), check out these [green tips for moving](#)!

*****Ink and Toner Cartridge Recycling:** This program is a recently developed and rapidly expanding method of diverting hazardous electronic waste from local landfills. Through this program you can recycle both your unused and used ink and toner cartridges, and possibly receive unused cartridges depending on our inventory. Click [here](#) to learn more about the process.

Want more news and tips?

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