## SUSTAINABLE SALUKI NEWSLETTER

May 2017

# A Note from the Sustainability Coordinator

Hello and happy May!

Whew, April was quite the month! Thank you to everyone who attended our **Sustainability Celebration** last week. We had a great turn out and look forward to celebrating sustainability year round with all of you.

If you do nothing else as a result of receiving this email, please join our Saluki Green Action Team today! More info can be found below, but you can join us at: <u>salukigreenactionteam.siu.edu</u>.



## Sustainably yours, Geory Kurtzhals

# **Updates**



## **Sustainability Celebration**

On Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated so many exciting things regarding sustainability at SIU! The event included a celebration of our SIU's Silver STARS Rating, Green Fund Awardee unveiling, Environmental Ambassador Recognition, and announcing for the first time the Saluki Green Action Team!

## **Green Fund Awardees**

We are very excited to finally announce the next round of Green Funded projects, which were chosen by the Green Fund Committee and are administered by the Sustainability Council. This year's Green Funded projects include a cross-campus partnership Sustainable Eco-Recreation Project, a comprehensive digital trail map of public, natural and urban areas in Southern Illinois for the GIS Club, and a prototype software that will evaluate printer use and total costs in terms of materials and energy consumption across campus. For a complete list of the newly funded projects, scroll to the middle section of this <u>article</u>. Since the first Green Funded projects in 2009, the \$10 Student Green Fee has helped to provide funding for 169 projects, totaling over \$2.1 million invested in sustainability!

#### **Environmental Ambassador Awards**



Environmental Ambassadors received an award on behalf of the Chancellor for completing 30 hours of volunteer work with environmental stewardship! Scroll to the bottom of this <u>article</u> for awardee recognition!



"The Saluki Green Action Team, a new initiative geared toward promoting energy and water conservation at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, debuted at the campus Sustainability Celebration today (April 27.) Students, faculty and staff are invited to become part of the team. The organization's goal is to increase awareness of individual and collective sustainability actions and measurably reduce SIU's carbon footprint, bringing attention to the need to strive for zero impact." - *Christi Mathis, SIU News* Read the rest of the article <u>here!</u>

## May is Bike Month!

To celebrate Bike Month, join us this Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, right before our First Friday at noon Green Tour outside of the Innovation and Sustainability HUB, located in the Student Center, from 10am-noon. We will be sharing information on sustainable bicycling and the health benefits of riding your bike, upcoming events, and giving away some **free** stuff! Check out the Bicycle Scavenger Hunt Flyer below, or click on the full calendar of events in the attached pdf!

#### Saluki Green Action Team!



## **News You Can Use**

The All Species Puppet Parade converged with the March of Science on Earth Day 2017 - Read about it here!

How To Regrow Fruit From Your Kitchen Scraps – Watch the video!

Here's How To Give Your Vegetable Scraps A New Life

Plant Trees While You Search The Web – Try their search engine and make a difference!

## **Opportunities**

## SISE 2017

The Summer Institute on Sustainability and Energy (SISE) at University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) is a two-week "boot camp" for future decision makers eager to join the sustainability and energy revolution happening around the globe. During weekdays, you can participate in high-level tasks, visit energy and sustainability sites, and network with Chicago-area experts and program alumni. During evenings and weekends, they work collaboratively on research projects and enjoy exploring Chicago.

This year, SISE will focus on transportation, specifically the concept of mobility and the future of transportation systems. There is no program fee, and lodging is provided for all participants, and some support is available for transportation.

Applicants will be accepted through June 15, 2017. You can apply at uicsise.com. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the SISE Program Coordinator, Thomas Aláan at <u>uic.sise.admissions@gmail.com</u>.



#### Jobs/Interships

<u>Sustainability Program Manager; Department of General Service, Washington D.C.</u> <u>Program Coordinator; Furman University, Greenville, SC.</u> <u>Chief Sustainability Officer; City of Boulder, Boulder, CO.</u>



Ikea's Hydroponic System Allows You To Grow Vegetables All Year Round Without A Garden. Instead of throwing food away, restaurants in Denmark are selling leftovers.

# **Green Tip**



**Eco-friendly Sunscreens for Summer!** 

\*\*\*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 <u>here</u> to learn more about the process.

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