

WELCOME!

A Note from the Sustainability Coordinator

Happy November!

I have been anticipating this month since I started work at SIU 14 months ago. This is the month that we submit updated campus-wide sustainability data to the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System™ (STARS®). STARS is a program of AASHE (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education).



As a result of entering our data, we will receive a rating. However, the process is – more importantly - serving as a sustainability needs assessment for SIU. We will use this data to guide the focus of the Sustainability Council and the Sustainability Office moving forward. My gratitude goes out to Derick Chick, the graduate assistant who has been the engine behind this initiative since January. In addition, he has reached out to many of you for data. Finally, the Sustainability Council has been reviewing all data and offering guidance. To Derick, to all who have provided data, and to all the members of the Council, THANK YOU!

Sustainably yours,

Geory Kurtzhals

UPDATES

America Recycles Day

To celebrate and engage SIUC students about America Recycles Day, Nov 15th, the Sustainability Office will be hosting a table outside of the North End of the student center from 10am-3pm. Students will have the opportunity to engage with us through activities that will teach them about recycling and its importance. Students will also get the chance to be entered into a raffle for various prizes!

We are also seeking volunteers for this event to help out at the table, engage students walking past, and interact with people through some of the fun activities we will have set up. Volunteers will be needed for shifts lasting one hour. You can sign up for shifts by emailing us with your availability at sustainability@siu.edu! Your hours will also count towards the Environmental Ambassador Award!

New Recycling Signage!

Schneider's 2nd floor just got a little more sustainable! Our design team from American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA) has been working diligently with us to create a new informative and beautiful signage and labeling system for waste and recycling! The signs in Schneider are being tested before being rolled out more widely. The label below is a sample of what is being tested on our event recycling bins. You may have seen these labels if you were tailgating in Saluki Row during the last couple football games! Look out for these across campus in the future!



Recycling Game Day Challenge and Football Tailgates

SIU Sustainability and fellow Salukis have continued to celebrate recycling at home football games this year! We stepped up our game for the Homecoming Tailgate on October 22nd. Here's a little of what's been happening:

- Recycling bags were passed out by student volunteers to parking lot tailgaters throughout the day to increase recycling at game day events!
 - Patrons in Saluki Row received reminders of what can and cannot be recycled.
 - Brown Dawg and Grey Dawg reminded patrons to recycle through our new yard signs.
- We continued to partner with the Grounds and Building Services crews to ensure processes are in place to recycle appropriately.
 - Patrons in the stadium were encouraged to recycle over the loudspeaker.

- As a result, we diverted 980 pounds of recyclables from the landfill on homecoming game day! That's an increase of 13% per person over last year's homecoming game! Congratulations, Salukis!



SALUKIS RECYCLE!



The _____
from this table are recyclable.
Please place them in the **blue** recycling bins. Thank you!

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Pop-Up Classes in the HUB

On October 18th students gathered in the HUB and learned about the intersection of social and environmental issues in sustainability at our Environmental Justice Pop-Up class! A special thank you to our speakers, Deidra Davis and Nathan Stephens, who shared their research and wisdom with us!

There will be one more pop-up class in the HUB this semester about composting both at home and at SIU. More information coming soon!



Deidra Davis engaging with students about the Environmental Justice Movement and history.



Nathan Stephens discussing issues with social inequality surround the Flint Water Crisis.

NEWS/RESOURCES

[National Climate Assessment \(NCA\) Teaching Resources](#)

[Tesla Tech: Can You Find The Solar Panels In This Picture?](#)

[Fish Turn on Genes to Adapt to Climate Change -- Scientific American](#)

[Building a 'Good' Anthropocene From the Bottom Up -- The New York Times](#)
[Sustainability in the Pipeline: Securing Water and Sanitation for the Future -- The Guardian](#)

OPPORTUNITIES/JOBS

Touch of Nature: Eighth Annual Haunted Hollow

A fun Family Fall Festival - Sunday, November 6th, 1-4 pm.

Nature Hikes, Haunted Tram Tour, Creepy Crawlers, Games for kids, Costumes welcome! To register for event, call 618-453-1121.

Sustainable Living Film Series

Wednesday, November 2nd, 5:30 pm - Longbranch Café & Bakery

Menopause Metamorphosis by Susun S. Weed

Discussion following the film hosted by *Women's Health Naturally!* Expo

Keep Carbondale Beautiful Litter Clean Up

Saturday, November 19, 12pm – 3pm

Town Square Pavilion, downtown, Carbondale, IL ([map](#))

Meet at noon in the Town Square Pavilion – located at the northeast of US Route 51S and Illinois Route 13W in downtown Carbondale, IL. Bags and gloves will be provided. Info: call Sarah at 525-5525 or email keepcb1326@gmail.com

Touch of Nature Trail Stewardship Days

Saturday, November 5, 9am – 4pm

Saturday, November 19, 9am – 4pm

Touch of Nature Environmental Center, 1206 Touch of Nature Rd, Makanda, IL 62958, USA ([map](#))

First Friday Green Tours



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September 2	February 3	All tours start at noon in the Innovation & Sustainability HUB!
October 7	March 3	
November 4	April 7	
December 2	May 5	

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Individuals with disabilities are welcomed.
Call 618/453-5738 to request accommodations.

  

Local Jobs

[Environmental Health & Safety Professional - TekSolv - Collinsville, Illinois](#)
[SIU-Carbondale Campus Ambassador Marketing Internship - College Town Tutor](#)

Regional Opportunities

[Earth: The Operators' Manual Videos for Energy and Climate Issues](#)

"Earth: The Operators' Manual is changing how people think about energy and climate issues. Downloadable videos, activities and enriching tools you can use in your classroom. Roll up your sleeves and dig in with us on clean energy, climate change, and your sustainable energy future."

[Wege Prize 2017 Student Design Competition](#)

Wege Prize is an annual, transdisciplinary design competition challenging teams of five college or university students from around the world to develop a product, service or business/non-profit organization that can help transition our current linear economic model to a circular economic model, a tightly-looped, restorative economic cycle in which resources can be re-adapted for use without limiting

the desirability of products or the flow of revenue. Teams will contend for \$30,000 in total cash prizes.
The deadline for team registration is Nov. 30.

[C2C Fellows Sustainability Leadership Training](#)

Offered by Bard College's Center for Environmental Policy, the upcoming C2C training from Dec. 2-4 will focus on key leadership skills: vision, courage, developing a network, telling your story and raising funds. C2C workshop trainings are for undergraduate students and recent graduates who want high-impact sustainability careers that can change the future, in policy, business and politics.

[PLAN, Students for Zero Waste Conference - November 11 & 12 - University of New Hampshire](#)

The Post-Landfill Action Network cultivates, educates, and inspires the student-led zero waste movement. They inform students about the waste crisis and equip them with the necessary skills and resources to implement solutions to waste in their campus communities. PLAN empowers our generation to be changemakers.

Regional Jobs

[Soil Scientist - V3 Companies - Woodridge, Illinois](#)

[Program Specialist - Forest Preserve District of Cook County](#)

[Staff Wetland Scientist - Burns & McDonnell - Downers Grove, Illinois](#)

[Greenhouse Grower - Cantigny Park - Wheaton, Illinois](#)

[Energy and Sustainability Analyst, Sonoma County General Services Department - Santa Rosa - California](#)

[Sustainability Coordinator - Mohawk - Calhoun, Georgia](#)

INSPIRATION

[An inspiring story from Carbondale, Illinois: 3rd Annual Blue Mind Award](#)

[23-year-old hasn't produced any trash in 2 years -- watch the video!](#)

GREEN TIP!

[Anders Koefoed: Green Machine - Sustainable Product Design in Copenhagen](#)

[Sustainable Living Tips -- Including Long-Term Thinking!!](#)

[How to Have a Sustainable Thanksgiving](#)



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