

# SUSTAINABLE SALUKIS NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME NOTE FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE

Friends in sustainability,

We welcome fall 2018 and the two new Sustainability Fellows who have joined our team. You can read about Erin and Cecilia below. Please join us, along with Karen, Angela, and Jesse, as we work to promote a more sustainable SIU!

While this newsletter highlights current opportunities, our website is your go-to location for up-to-date info and programs.

Here are some other items of note since our last newsletter:

- SIU Carbondale was recognized as a Sierra Club 'Cool School' for third consecutive year!
- SIU has kicked off a campus-wide green cleaning initiative!
- The PSO-sponsored Water Dawg has been in use across campus for outdoor events this fall!
- SIU students donated ~9398 pounds of goods and 1162+ food items as a part of Give Before You Go!, also diverting those items from the landfill.
- SIU is collaborating with the Chicago Field Museum on a pollinator project.

For more information on any of these, check out our [website](#) or [contact us](#).



**Sustainably Yours,**  
**Geory Kurtzhals**

### JOIN THE ECO-REPS

**GET INVOLVED  
IN YOUR COMMUNITY!**

**BE AN  
ECOREP!**

Hey Salukis!  
Help make our  
campus a little  
greener!

**Learn about the EcoRep Program!**

- Attend an Area Council meeting
- Visit [housing.siu.edu/lead](http://housing.siu.edu/lead)

### SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL

MAKE YOUR MARK.  
JOIN THE

*Sustainability  
Council*

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE NOW

Email: [sustainability@siu.edu](mailto:sustainability@siu.edu)

### FRIDAY GREEN TOURS

#### FIRST FRIDAY GREEN TOURS



SEPTEMBER 7	FEBRUARY 1
OCTOBER 5	MARCH 1
NOVEMBER 2	APRIL 5
DECEMBER 7	MAY 3

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## In This Issue:

- Sustainability 101 topic
- Fall 2018 Fellows & Events Highlights
- Jobs and Student Opportunities
- Local Sustainability Events, News, Resources, Green Tips, and more.

## Sustainability 101: College Life and Sustainability

Welcome back to campus, Saluki family!

**What is “sustainability”?:** Here’s an introduction to sustainability and how you can get involved at SIU!

Sustainability relies on the premise that the availability of the resources we need to survive now and in the future, depends primarily on the state of our natural environment, which is also dependent on our actions.

We can say that sustainability is “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs” (United Nations General Assembly, 1987, p. 43).

**More succinctly, it is that the actions we take today impacts future generations.** The products we buy, eat, and use not only impact our personal health, but the health of our environment as well.

**How can I get involved on campus?:** The Sustainability Hub has several ways for you to be conscious about your actions to positively impact our planet.

- + Join the [Saluki Green Action Team](#) to promote sustainability on campus.
- + Join the [Eco-Reps](#) – they are sustainability leaders in our residence halls.
- + Experience first hand SIU Sustainability on a campus [First Friday Green Tour](#).
- + Support Saluki Athletics while reducing waste at [football tailgates](#).
- + Sign up for a [sustainability focused class](#) to learn in-depth about sustainability.
- + Our school is a proud member of the [Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education \(AASHE\)](#), which helps to implement sustainable projects, curriculum and policies in institutions of higher education. Be informed and learn more with AASHE’s free resources.

## Get Involved!

We welcome students, staff, faculty, and community members.



*“I always wondered why somebody doesn’t do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody.”*

— Lily Tomlin, Writer, Producer.

## FALL 2018 EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

### SGAT FALL MEET-UPS



The inaugural **Saluki Green Action Team (SGAT)** meet-up is September 11 in front of Morris Lawn at noon, with free pizza and drinks. No sign up is required. Come join us and meet other team members!

**Sign up to volunteer.** How would you like to support Saluki Athletics while reducing waste on campus? Join the Sustainability Office along with other motivated student volunteers in the pursuit of integrating our favorite Saluki sports with sustainable actions.

### FOOTBALL TAILGATING



### SUSTAINABILITY MONTH



October is **Sustainability Month**. Do you have a program or event planned? Submit them by September 20.

## MEET OUR FALL 2018 FELLOWS

### ERIN WOOLARD



Erin is a senior from Zion, Illinois. She majors in anthropology and international studies, and minors in Spanish, geography, environmental studies, and Latino and Latin American studies. She has been a Sustainability Fellow since May 2018, and volunteers with the Center for English as a Second Language, the Humane Society of Southern Illinois, and is a member of the University Honors Program. She will graduate in December 2018.

### CECILIA ALBERT-BLACK

Cecilia has been a Carbondale resident since she moved from Spain ten years ago. She's a second year honors student at SIUC majoring in Geology and in Geography and Environmental Resources with a special interest in hydrology and sustainability. She is also conducting research in "Filtering arsenic from contaminated water" with the REACH grant through the geology department. She will be starting as a new fellow at the Sustainability Office this fall 2018.



### JESSE GALAWAY



At the Sustainability Office, Jesse is responsible for developing updates to the upcoming proposed sustainability dashboard. He is a mechanical engineering student who is focused on energy management and technology. In his free time (when there is some), Jesse works on vintage cars and motorcycles.

*"Being green is more than just buying 'eco'. It is an unshakable commitment to a sustainable lifestyle" — Jennifer Nini, Author, Activist*

## GREEN JOBS & OPPORTUNITIES

- ✦ **SIU Sustainability Council is seeking interested faculty, staff and students to get involved!** We expect one student position to open in the spring, but are looking for interested students to learn about the Council this semester. If you are interested, read more about this group [here](#) and email [greenfund@siu.edu](mailto:greenfund@siu.edu).
- ✦ **Internship: Green Office SLEUTHS** - Green Office SLEUTHS is a joint project of SIU's Sustainability Office and the Advanced Coal and Energy Research Center. It's a semester-long internship opportunity for undergraduate or graduate students in any major. Students can earn \$500 at the completion of the assignment. Students will work with campus offices on "energy treasure hunts," and help implement programs to increase energy efficiency, recycling and conservation. Positions are currently open for the fall 2018 semester. For more information contact Amy McMorro Hunter, [amcmorro@siu.edu](mailto:amcmorro@siu.edu), (618) 453-7327. Ready to apply? Fill out this [Google Form to apply now](#).
- ✦ **Farm Crawl Volunteer opportunity:** Learn about local food and spend time outside by volunteering at the annual Farm Crawl! On Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15 & 16, hundreds of people will travel around Southern Illinois visiting area farms, speaking with farmers, and learning about sustainable agriculture. Learn more here: [www.neighborhood.coop/farm-crawl](http://www.neighborhood.coop/farm-crawl).
- ✦ The **Missouri Gateway Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)** is accepting student applications for its [Green Shadow](#) micro-internship and mentoring program. Apply by September 15, 2018 at 11:59 pm to be matched in the fall 2018 semester.
- ✦ The **USGBC** is seeking student volunteers for its [Greenbuild conference](#). Student volunteers will receive free admission to the conference in Chicago, November 14th-16th. Students must be a minimum of 18 years of age and full time student OR a young professional age 25 and under, and volunteer for at least 8 hours.
- ✦ Register now for the [Resource Recycling Conference](#), October 22-24, St. Louis, MO, to collaborate with leading industry groups and join the conversation on topics relevant to recycling and composting professionals.
- ✦ **ISEA Green Jobs** – find green jobs and opportunities at <https://illinoissolar.org/jobs/>

## NEWS & RESOURCES

- ✦ **'Warning to Humanity' resolution passes at Oregon State University**  
The Oregon State University Faculty Senate and Associated Students of Oregon State University passed a joint resolution last month endorsing "[World Scientists' Warning to Humanity: A Second Notice](#)," an article published late last year by lead author Oregon State Professor [William Ripple](#).
- ✦ **Duke University Dining Bans Disposable Plastic**  
Duke Dining banned use of disposable plastics from all 34 campus venues. Dining venues, including vendors, on Duke's campus will now use paper bags and utensils, straws and drinkware made from a Polylactic acid (PLA), a biodegradable plant-based substance with properties similar to traditional, oil-based plastics. Read more [here](#).

## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

- ✦ Join **Keep Carbondale Beautiful in the fall 2018 Cleanup** around Carbondale. The Route 13 East Clean-up Day is **Sunday, August 26, 8:30-10 am**. View the [full schedule of events](#) online.
- ✦ **Master Naturalist Class at Cache River State Natural Area**  
**Thursdays, September 6 - December 6, 8:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.**  
Cache River Wetlands Center, 8885 State Route 37 South, Cypress, Illinois 62923.  
Cost: \$250 for 12 weeks of instruction, materials and Master Naturalist manual. Apply by August 17.
- ✦ **Leopold Bench Building and workday**  
**October 13, 2018 at 9:30 am – 4:00 pm.**  
Construct a bench for the trails at [War Bluff Sanctuary](#) or for your favorite spot, learn to use hand tools. To register and for more information: e-mail: [featherfoill@yahoo.com](mailto:featherfoill@yahoo.com) or call Karen Frailey- 618-534-7870.
- ✦ **Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Division of Education, ENTICE Workshops**  
Workshops are open to all educators (youth groups leaders, home school educators, nature center educators, etc.) and are designed for targeted grade levels. Maximum enrollment for each course is 30 participants. Registration deadlines vary. Click [here](#) for more information.
- ✦ **Partners of the Field Museum across Illinois** are collecting information on a range of practices that benefit pollinators, with a focus on the monarch butterfly. This survey concerns practices in the Carbondale-Marion area. [Complete the survey here](#).
- ✦ Join the SIU community for a **free screening of *Before the West Coast: A Sports Civil Rights Story*** - Sept. 11, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Lawson Hall, room 171.

### \*\*\*Take Action Quote of the Day\*\*\*

*"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it."* — Robert Swan, Author, Activist

## 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](http://sustainability.siu.edu) || Send us an [email](#) || Call us: (618) 453-2786



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