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Sustainable Solutions



March

Happenings



The Center for Sustainability (CfS) and the Division of Facilities Services teamed up with volunteers to plant 75 trees this year in Jones Lane Park, across Hwy 301 from Herty Pines Preserve, and Carolyn Altman, Director of the Botanic Garden, offered some wise words at the event. Georgia celebrates Arbor Day on the third Friday of February each year. While the national celebration takes place in April, the subtropical climate in Georgia is far more hospitable to plant life earlier in the year.

Lissa Leege, Ph.D., director of CfS, had this to say of the importance of the event. "Any time you plant a tree, you're planning for the future," she said. "A hundred years from now, the trees we're planting today will still be benefiting our campus."

To check out the press on the event, click here

Upcoming Events

Statesboro Campus

- 3/12 Sustainability Seminar Series: Marie Lorenz: Ash Heap/Landfill
- 3/13 Environmental Community Cinema- The Human Element
- 3/20 Campus Community Garden Workshop
- 3/25 Sustainability Fee Grants Proposals Due
- 3/27 **Apartment Planting** (register online by 3/20)
- 3/31 Last day of RecycleMania

Download our full Statesboro calendar here

Armstrong Campus

- 3/27 Environmental Community Cinema- The Human Element
- 3/27 Aquaponics Open House
- 3/31 Last day of RecycleMania

Download our full Spring calendar here

Campus Engagement

Sustainability Fee Grants



Proposals due March 25th!

The Center for Sustainability requests proposals to improve environmental sustainability across the Statesboro campus with Sustainability Fee Projects ranging from \$1,000 – \$100,000.

Click <u>here</u> for more information.

Green Eagle Awards



Do you know of students, staff, or faculty who have shown extraordinary commitment to sustainability? CfS encourages you to nominate them for a Green Eagle Award!

If you know someone who qualifies, please nominate them <u>here</u>.

Green Eagle Award Winner: Kenzel Smith, 2018



Kenzel has been a key piece to making the Eco-Reps program successful at Southern Courtyard and University Villas. He continuously pushes for recycling and educating students about how to recycle correctly.

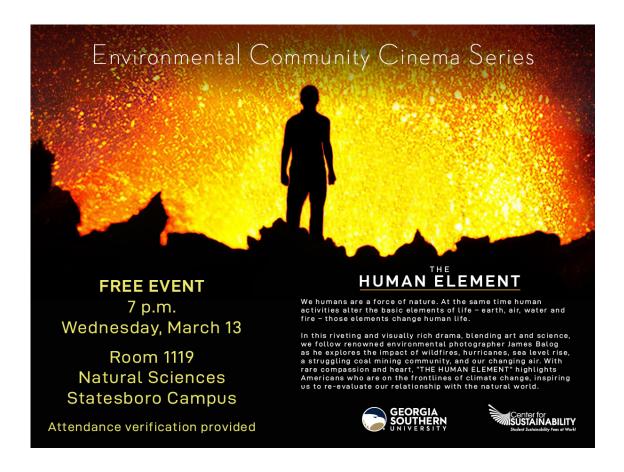
Kenzel is known for going above and beyond to incorporate environmental friendly initiatives in University Housing. CfS looks forward to seeing how he continues to promote sustainability at Georgia Southern as a 2018 Green Eagle.

Environmental Community Cinema

Join CfS for the Environmental Community Cinema this month in Statesboro and Savannah! The public is invited free of charge, with attendance verification provided.

Statesboro Campus: 3/13 Environmental Community Cinema – Human

Element (7pm; 1119 Natural Science Bldg)



Armstrong Campus: 3/27 Environmental Community Cinema – Human

Element (7pm; 1402 Science Center)

RecycleMania



RecycleMania: February 4 - March 31

Georgia Southern is halfway through RecycleMania and actively encouraging students to keep up the great work with recycling on campus. One of the most important things to remember about recycling is to limitcontamination; in other words- put your recycling in the appropriate bin. For example, do not put a aluminum can in a plastic bottle bin or vice versa! Georgia Southern is dedicated to reducing the contamination level on campus while still encouraging everyone on campus to recycle.



Don't forget to get "Caught Green-Handed" during RecycleMania! If you are seen recycling or otherwise being green, you will be entered into a drawing for prizes from the University Tech Corner. We have caught all of these people and more this year!

Watch our <u>video</u> and learn how to participate.

To learn more about how to send your entry, visit us <u>here</u>.

Sustainability Seminar Series



FEBRUARY 18 - MARCH 14, 2019

University Gallery, Center for Art & Theatre, Statesboro Sustainability Seminar Series/Artist Talk

Tuesday, March 12, 5 p.m., Arts Building, 2071 Reception follows from 6-7:30 p.m. at the gallery.



This exhibition was made possible in part with funding from CLEC and Student Sustainability Fees.

Join New York-based artist Marie Lorenz Tuesday, March 12 at 5 p.m. in Arts Building room 2071 for her Artist Talk/Sustainability Seminar. A reception will follow at 6-7:30 p.m. in the gallery.

Recycled Boat Regatta

The Regatta is less than 5 weeks away! Can your hand-made, completely recyclable boat make it across the nursing/education pond? Test it out as an individual or as a group. New this year: the event will host food trucks and a DJ while you spectate or compete in the competition. We are excited to see you in April.

For more information, click <u>here</u>. To register a team, click <u>here</u>.



Get your team together and register to participate!

For more information and to register, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/sustainability

Registration open online February 11 - March 29









What Does Georgia Southern Recycle?

Follow these handy instructions to learn what can and cannot be recycled on campus.



Bulloch County Off-Campus Recycling Locations



Programs

Eco-Reps

Our Eco-Reps are currently administering a recycling survey in the residence halls about how much students recycle. This survey also identifies how knowledgeable they are about recycling in the residence halls and on campus. The photo below is the eco-reps discussing the survey.



Campus Community Garden



The Campus Community Garden provides an opportunity for students to learn how to grow food, explore their gardening interests, and to connect with fellow students right in the middle of the Statesboro campus.

Click <u>here</u> to watch our video and learn how to join Campus Community Garden.

After School Garden Program



The After School Garden Program (ASGP) teachers recently showed the 2nd graders how to properly plant carrots, radishes, arugula and potatoes. The kids are excited to see how the vegetables will progress through the next multiple weeks leading up to our Harvest Celebration!

Email us at cfs@georgiasouthern.edu for more information on how to volunteer.

This program is a partnership between Georgia Southern, Bulloch County Parks and Recreation, and the Bulloch County Board of Education.

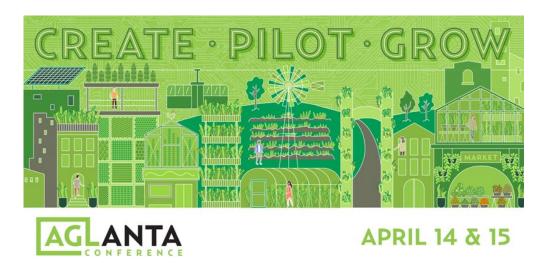
Campus in the Spotlight

Sustainability Fee Grant



The Center for Sustainability's fee grant funded new bike racks on campus in 2018. The racks have been installed in many areas on campus to encourage and support the use of bicycles in transportation to, and around campus. As bicycle usage continues to increase on campus, we hope to eventually fund more of these racks!

Professional Development



The AGlanta Conference: April 14 & 15: The Southeast's largest Urban Agriculture Conference that will focus on innovation and entrepreneurship. There will be tours, workshops, speakers, networking, and locally-sourced meals!

Click <u>here</u> for more information

Regional Opportunities

Upcoming Trips

Jekyll Island Cycling-March 30 (Registration Deadline: March 15)

Climbing- April 4-5 (Registration Deadline: March 22)

Whitewater Rafting: April 6 (Registration Deadline: April 1)



Click here for more information

Green Tip



Do you have excess silverware that is unusable or unwanted? Instead of throwing your forks, knives and spoons away, use them as gardening markers for your plants or herbs. Not only will you reduce trash that cannot decompose in a landfill, but you will have a great conversation starter for guests!

Sign up for our monthly Sustainable Solutions newsletter & for notifications about upcoming CfS events HERE

For more information, visit the Center for Sustainability, and check us out on:







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Student Sustainability Fees at Work!

