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Pack It Up, Pass It On: Ditch the Dumpster WCU

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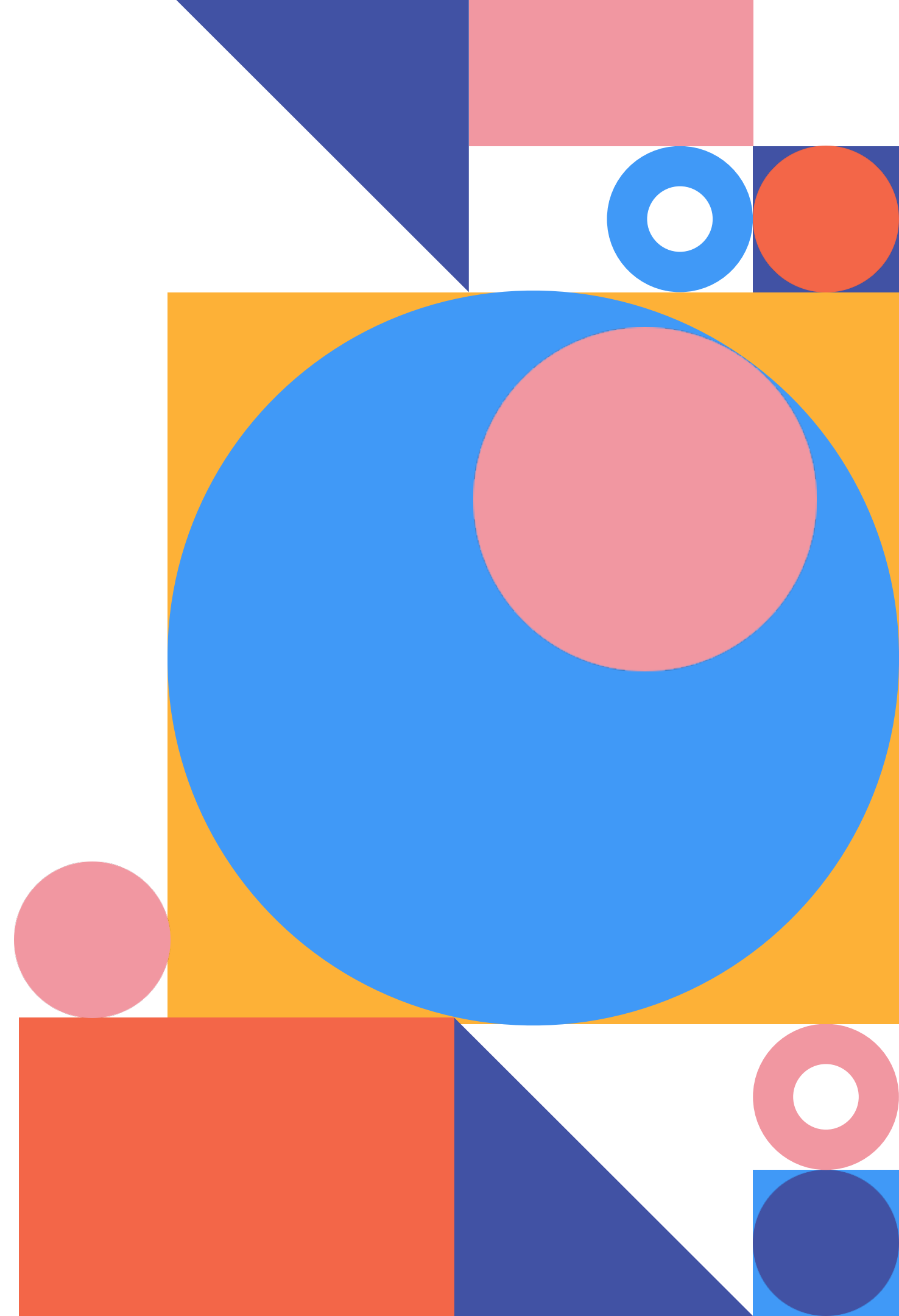
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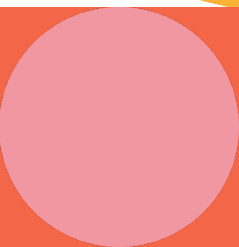
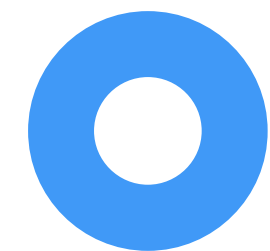
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Ditch the Dumpster WCU



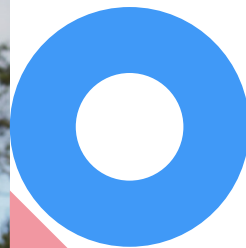
Students for Zero Waste Conference 2018



Post Landfill Action Network (PLAN)



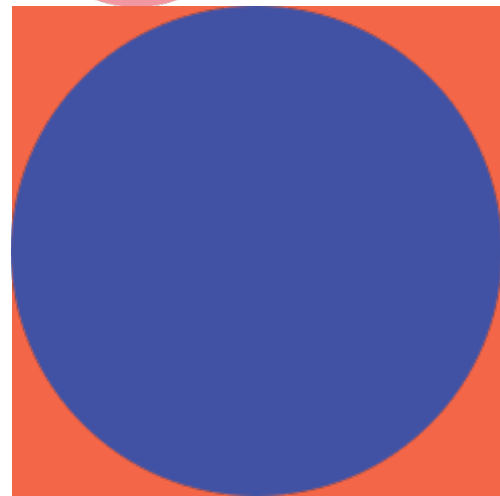
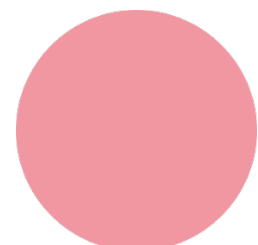
Where it all started



"Our pilot program, Trash 2 Treasure (T2T), was started in 2011 by a group of students at the University of New Hampshire, including PLAN founder Alex Freid. T2T collected all of the items discarded by students moving out at the end of the year, stored them over the summer, and held a giant yard-sale during move-in weekend. The program made back enough money to cover expenses for the following year, and became the first student-led, self-sustaining program of its kind in the country. When Alex graduated in 2013, he founded PLAN with the goal of supporting student leaders and providing best-practices guidance to help other campuses launch and sustain student-led, zero waste projects."

Trash 2 Treasure

University of New
Hampshire



Stockton Trading Post



Stockton
University



STOCKTON
TRADING POST
THRIFT SHOP • THREAD EXCHANGE • TOOL LIBRARY
CAMPING EQUIPMENT RENTAL • RE-SKILLING

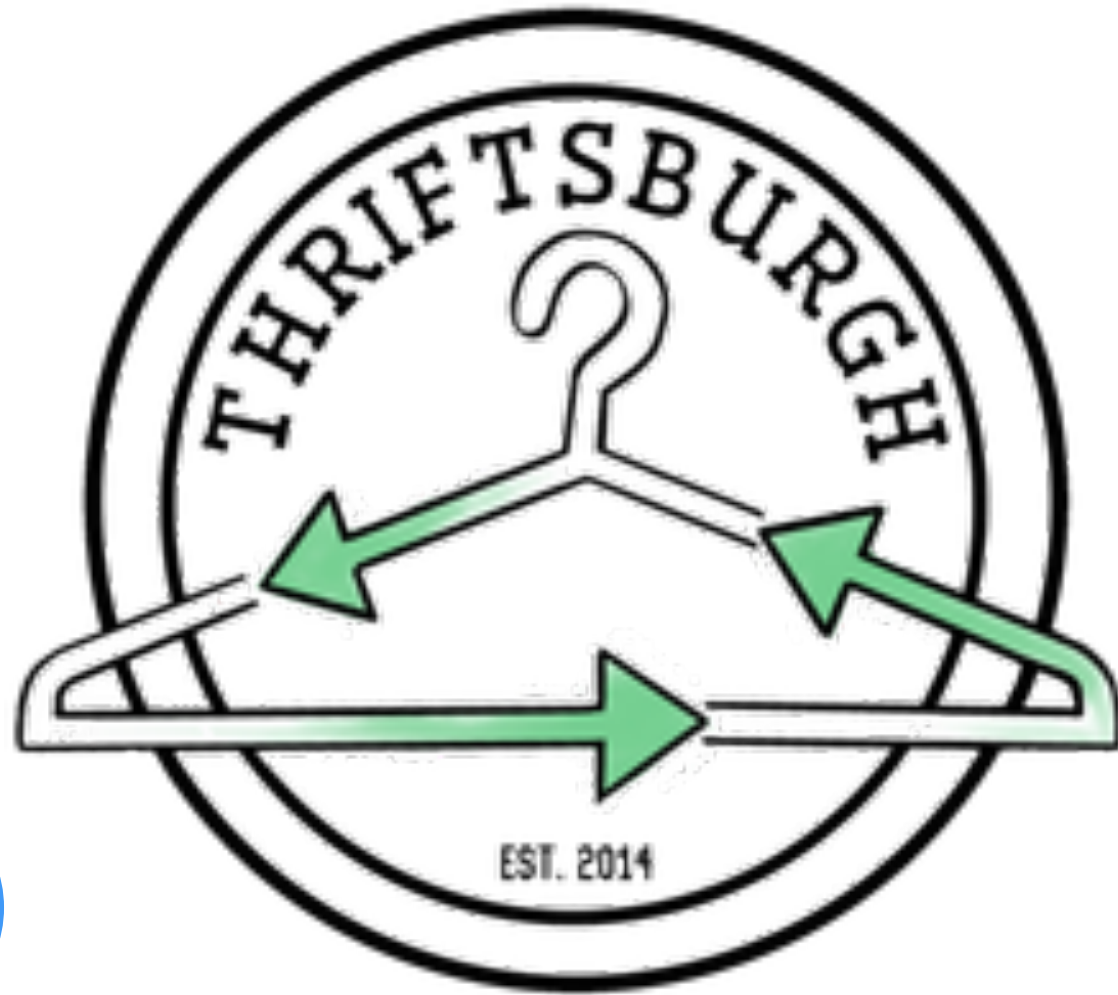
One Stop
Sustainable Living



Swap, Shop & Save

University of Thriftsburg

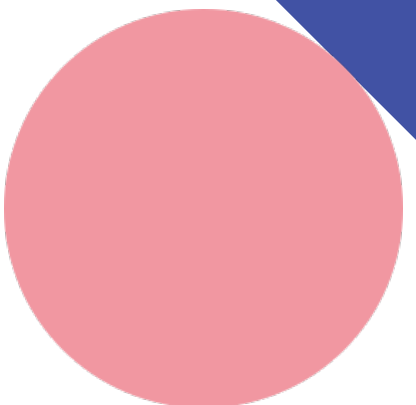
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What are we going to do about it?

A plan begins to hatch



Forming the Move Out Day Planning Committee



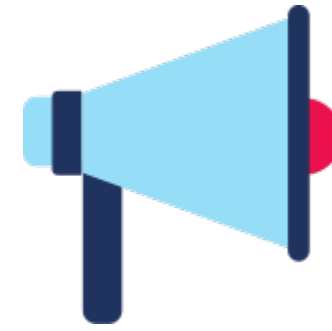
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LOCATION

Where were items going to be stored?
Where would collection bins be placed?
Where will shipping containers be placed?



PROMOTION

How will we get the word out?



FUNDING

How will we fund the program in its first year?



YARD SALE

When should the sale take place?
Where should the sale take place?
How will items be priced?
How will leftover items be handled after the sale?



DATES

When will collections begin?
How often will volunteers pick up donations?



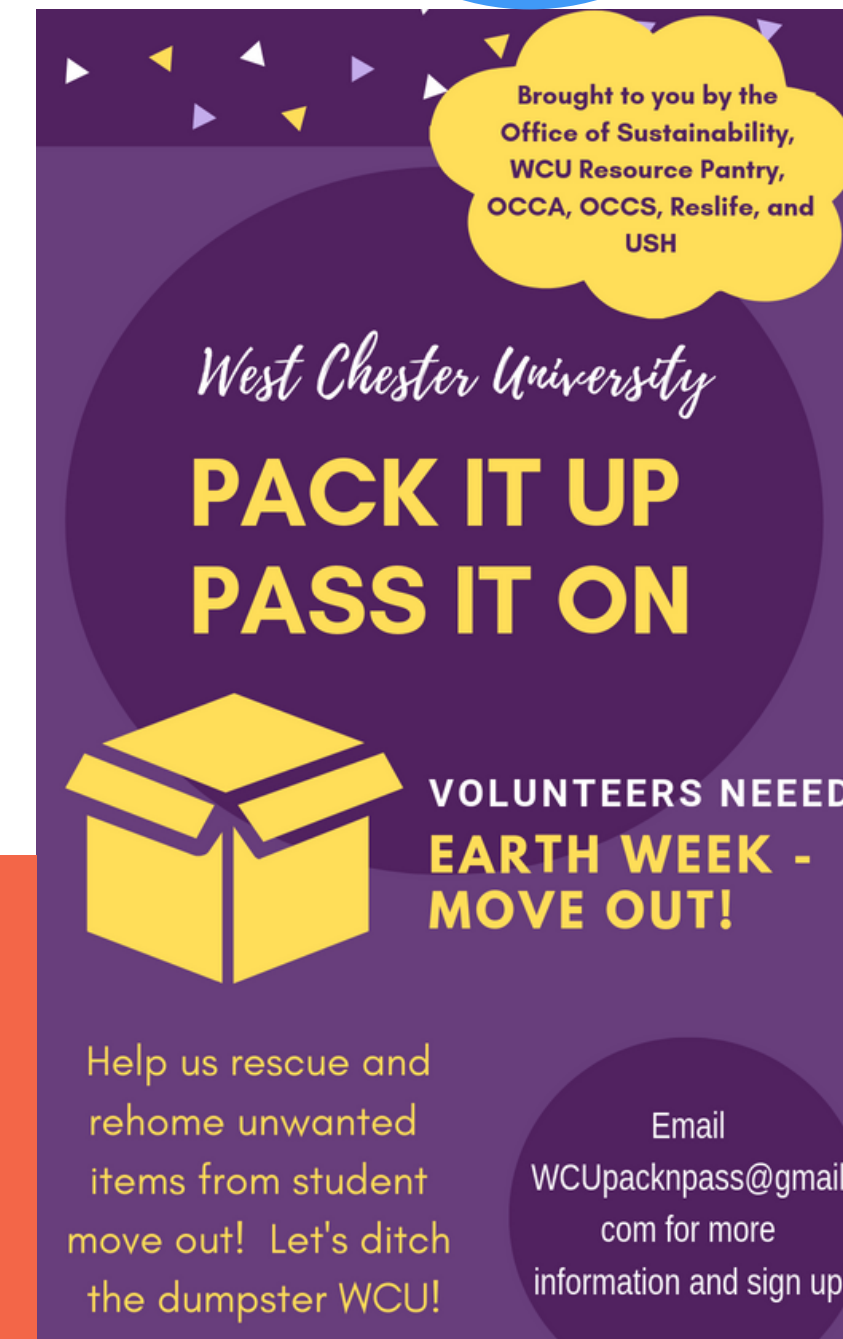
VOLUNTEERS

How will we attract volunteers?

DETAILS...DETAILS...

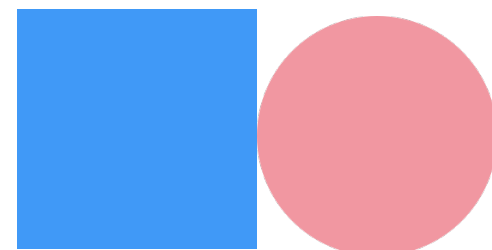
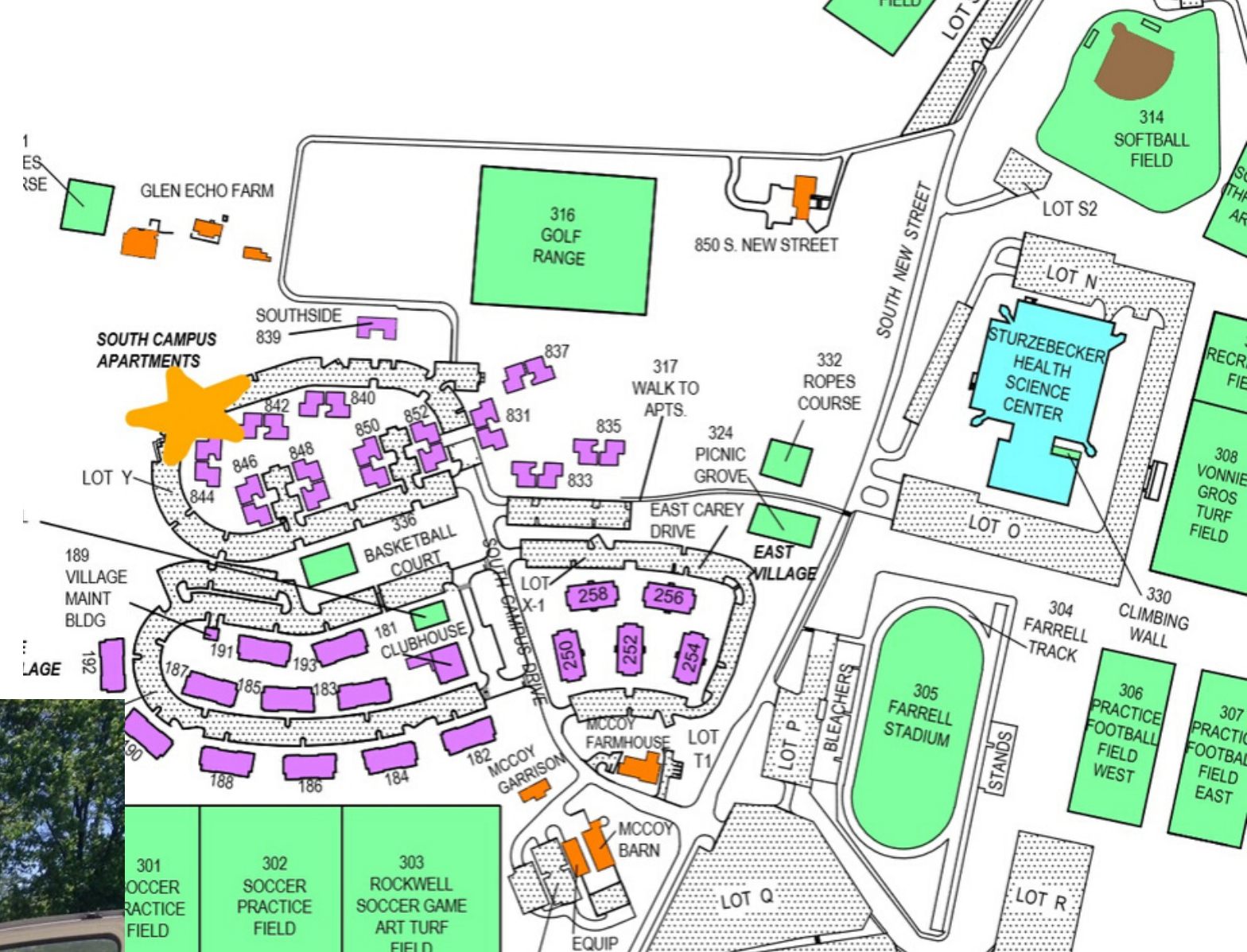
Everything falling into place

- List generated of acceptable items
- Faculty members offer extra credit to student volunteers
- Adopt the Pack it Up, Pass it On name and logo



Collections begin!

- Total of 23 student volunteers signed up for at least one shift during the three week collections period
- 6 faculty volunteers
- First day of collections no bins had been placed out
- Second day nothing to collect
- Third day bins are full in almost all residence halls



BEFORE YOU TRASH IT



RUGS

APPLIANCES



FURNITURE



**ARRANGE FOR PICK UP ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**

REGISTER ON RAMCONNECT
[HTTP://CGLINK.ME/S17428](http://cglink.me/s17428)

Off Campus Pick Up

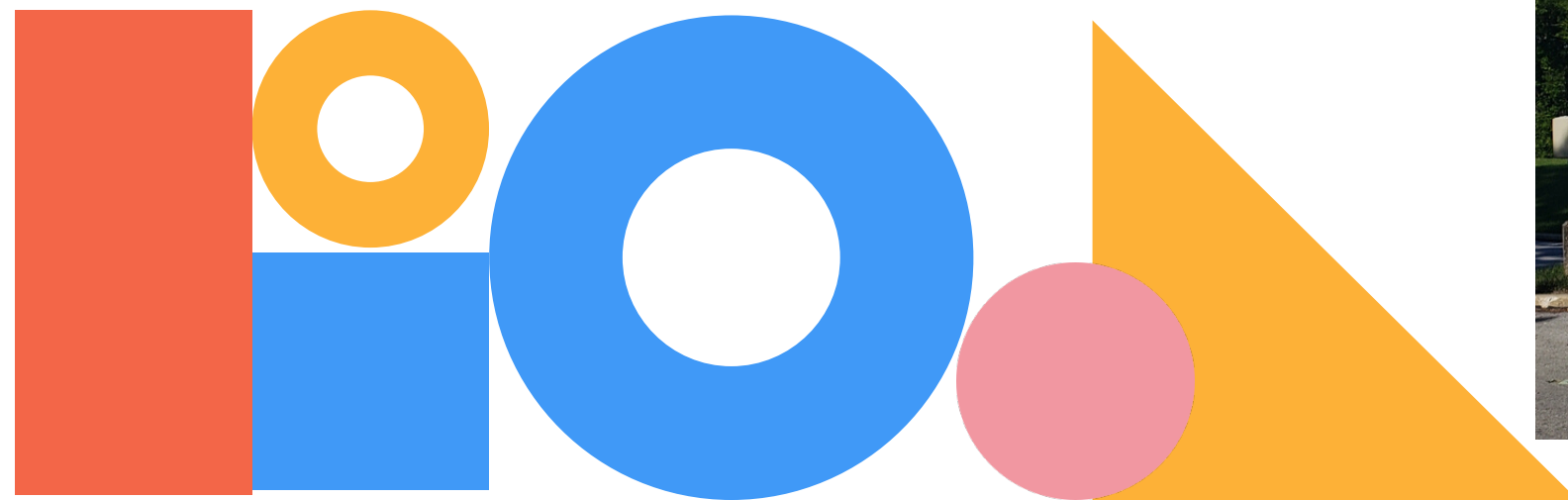
Organized by Sandy Jones

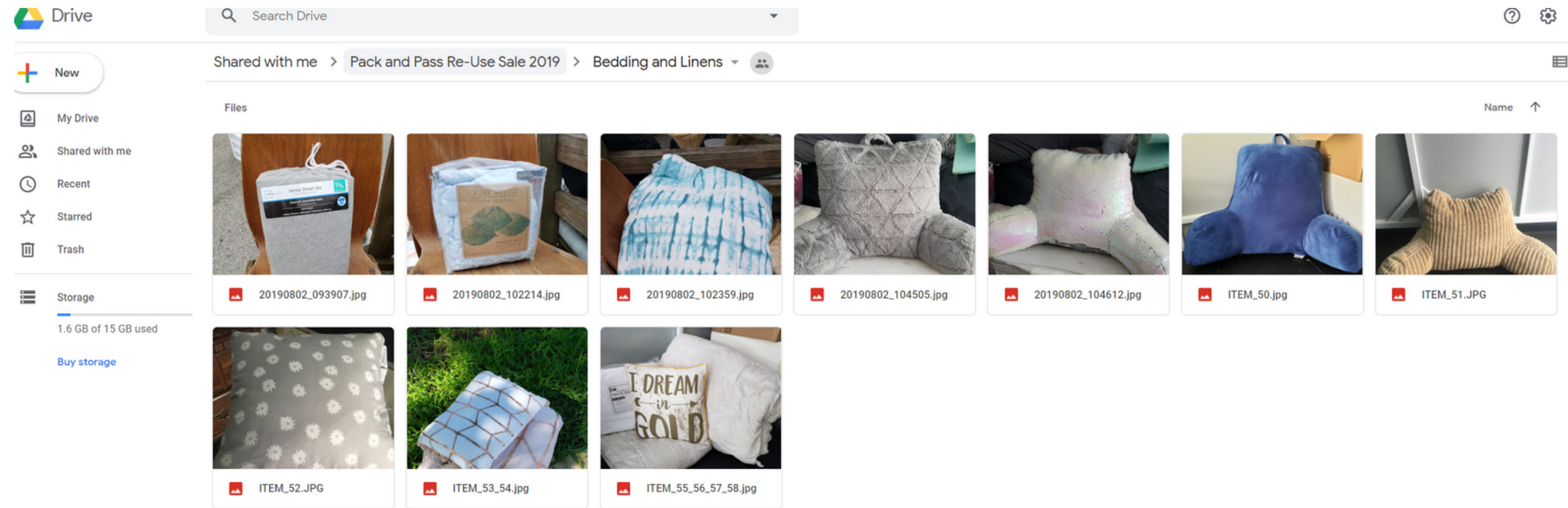
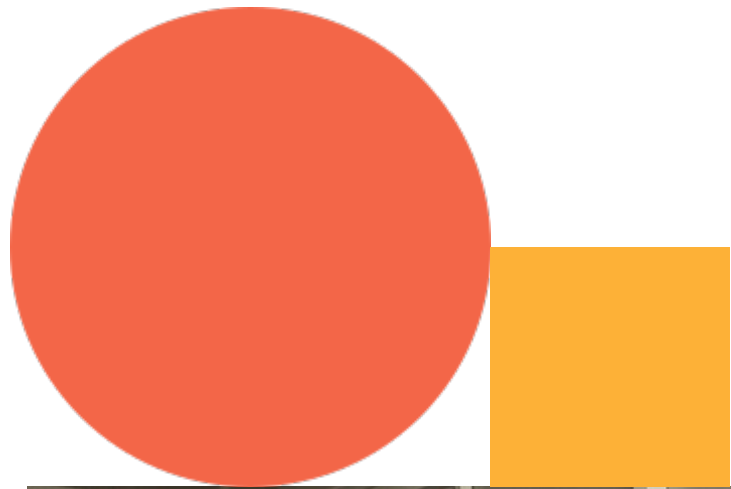
“My only feedback is positive comments. Love this process! It was very helpful as a parent that was struggling on how to move furniture back home that we did not need anymore. My niece and nephew go to other colleges and they only wished their colleges would offer what West Chester University does!”



No room!

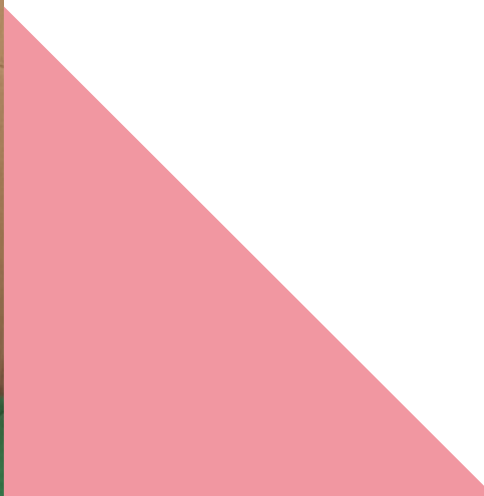
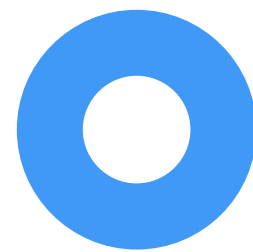
After three weeks the 3 16ft shipping containers were filled to capacity





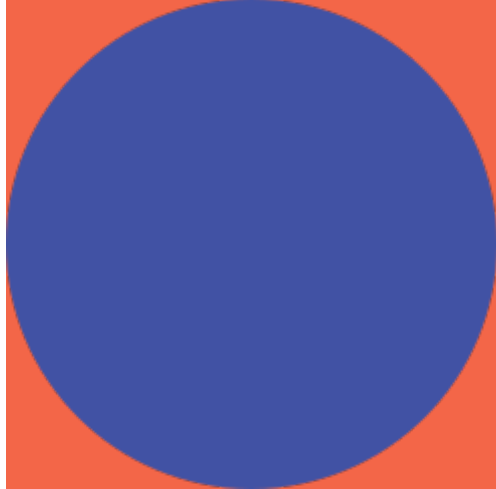
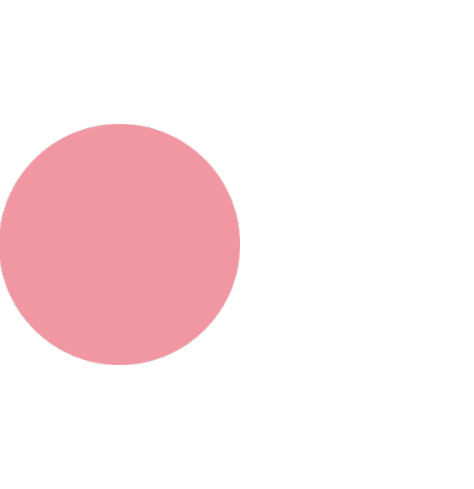
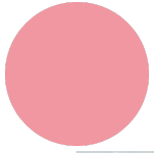
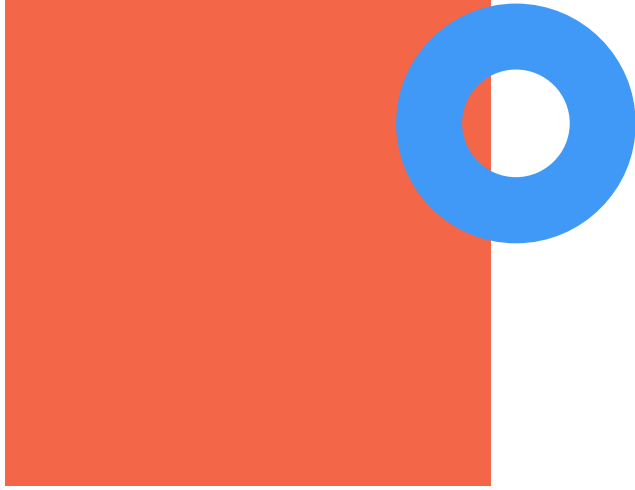
Time to sort

CHECK FOR QUALITY
ORGANIZE
CATALOG
UPLOAD TO GOOGLE DRIVE



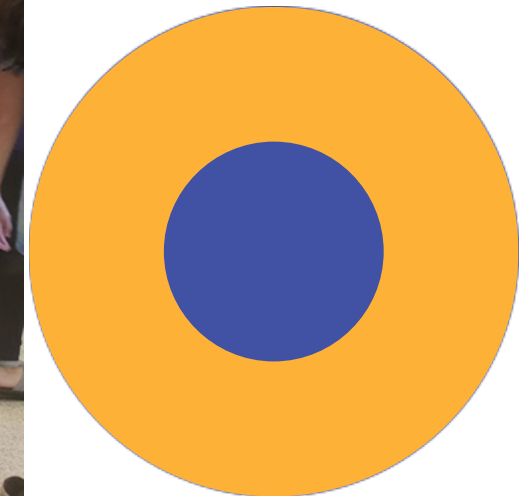
What a wealth!

Donated items included mini fridges, microwaves, electric tea kettles, bedding, couches, desks, chairs, lamps, dishware, utensils, televisions, and lots and lots and lots of CLOTHING!

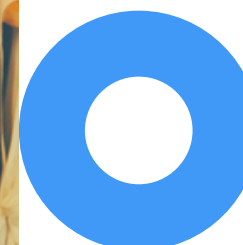


Fall Yard Sale

- Sunday of Move In Weekend, August 25th
- Items were transported the morning of the sale with help from Loretta MacAlpine, Associate Director of Public Relations, and her personal horse trailer
- The sale ran from 10am to 2pm in the Sykes Ballrooms
- All clothing items priced at \$1
- Most other items were priced at \$5 and under
- Sale extended to 3pm due to demand
- Total sales \$1,229
- Unsold items donated to the Salvation Army

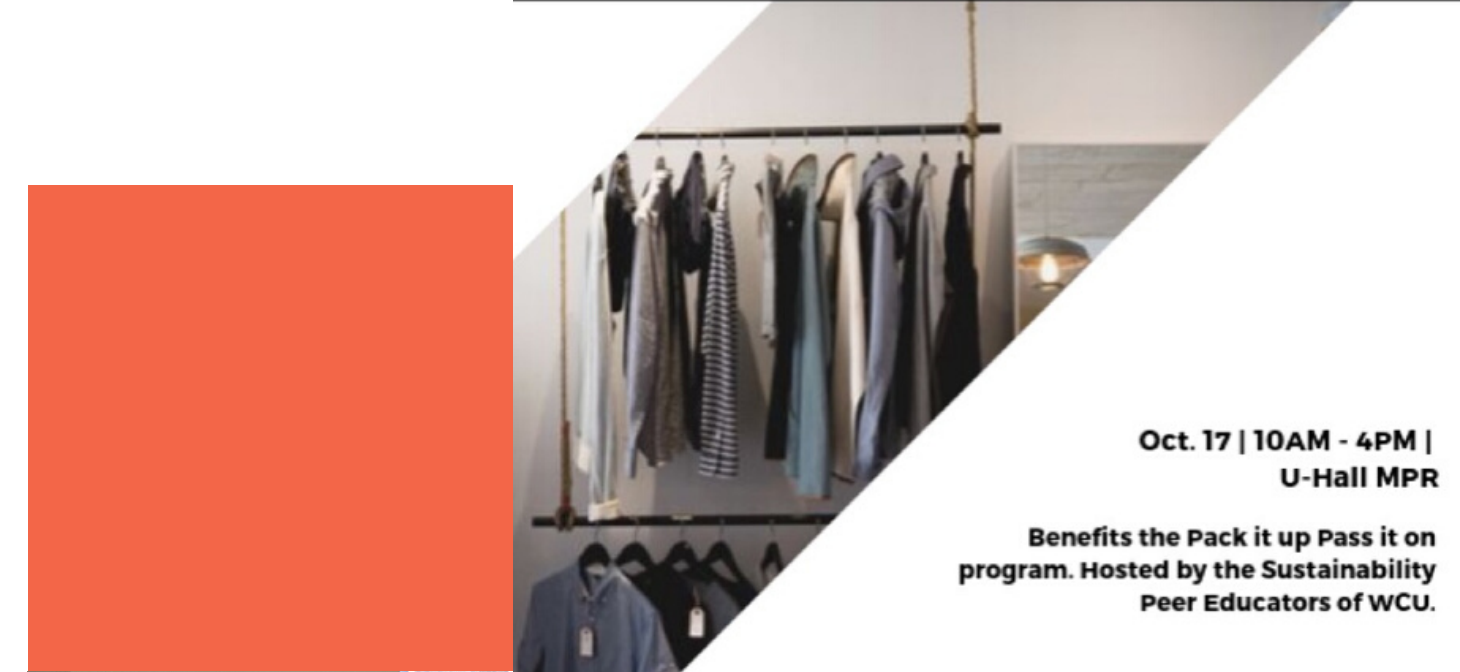


PACK IT UP - PASS IT ON
WCU Fall Yard Sale
Score second hand finds like furniture, clothing, and home decor!!
August 31st
Sykes Ballrooms

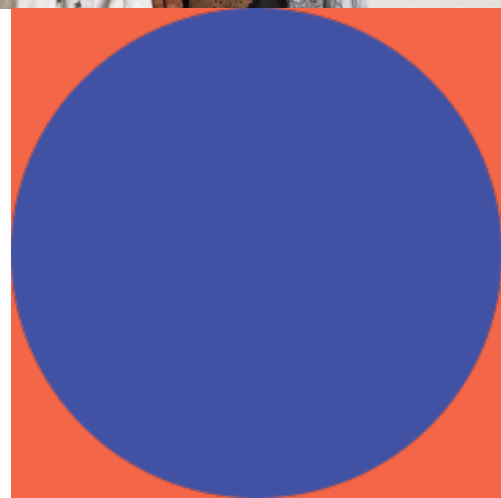
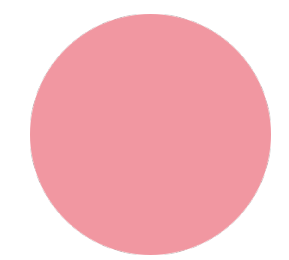
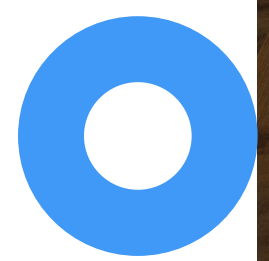


2019-20 Pack it Up, Pass it On Efforts

- Sustainability Peer Educators together with Students for Sustainable Action take over ownership of program
- Two Pop-Up Thrift Shops successfully coordinated earning another \$987
- Conversations begin around finding permanent space on campus



Oct. 17 | 10AM - 4PM | U-Hall MPR
Benefits the Pack it up Pass it on program. Hosted by the Sustainability Peer Educators of WCU.





And then this...

2019-20 Pack it Up, Pass it On Program cancels
due to university closures

WHAT ARE OUR NEXT STEPS?

