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DURHAM, N.H. - At the University of New Hampshire, recognized as a higher education leader in sustainability, every day is Earth Day. But for the week surrounding Earth Day (April 22), UNH students host a range of events that highlight innovations and spark ideas about respecting our Earth.

Hospitality management students in UNH's Whittemore School of Business and Economics launch Earth Week festivities April 18 and 19 with Green Cuisine, a gourmet dinner featuring locally and sustainably grown and harvested food from around New England. The seven-course dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the UNH New England Center. The full menu, tickets and more information about the Gourmet Dinner is available at www.unhgourmetdinners.com.

The UNH Ecological Advocates, a student group, hosts activities every day this week, each with a different theme. Among the highlights:

Monday, April 21, 1 p.m., Memorial Union Building (MUB) room 332

Rethink: Lecture on "The Natural Step." Tessa Bensew, a UNH master's student in environmental education, will describe The Natural Step, a sustainability framework developed by Karl-Henrik Robert that aims to retrain how people perceive their actions relative to the natural environment. Lecture will move outside if weather permits.

Tuesday, April 22, 1 p.m. MUB Theater 1, 6 p.m. MUB room 321

Reduce: Film screening of "The Story of Stuff." This 20-minute fast-paced, humorous film looks at the underside of production and consumption. It explores the connections between a vast array of environmental and social issues and aims to point the way toward a more sustainable and just world.

Sunday, April 27, 11 a.m. - sundown, Boulder Field

Rejoice: SolarFest. This popular solar-powered day of music, interactive displays, and family activities features San Francisco rockers Tea Leaf Green, progressive string band Hot Day at the Zoo, The Brew, Nate Wilson Group, and UNH's own Gnarlemagne. This year's SolarFest, powered by Sunweaver Solar Company, also features food from Susty's Café in Northwood, hands-on arts-and-crafts tables as well as local and student artists' marketplace, nature walks in College Woods, and sustainable tips from UNH student organizations. Free, family-friendly

and open to all. Hosted by the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC).

The Ecological Advocates also host Reuse, a clothing swap and crafts (Wednesday, April 23, noon - 2 p.m., MUB Food Court); Recycle, an opportunity to build a recycling bin (Thursday, April 24, noon - 2 p.m., MUB Food Court Stage); Renew, seed plantings (Friday, April 25, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., MUB or Murkland Courtyard); and Respect, an Earth vigil and campus clean-up (Saturday, April 26, 3 - 5 p.m., Murkland Courtyard).

The Undergraduate Research Conference, an annual weeklong symposium, celebrates the results of students' scholarly and creative research in a variety of disciplines. See how UNH undergraduates are addressing the challenges of a changing climate, limited resources, and global poverty and health at these sessions (for a full schedule, go to www.unh.edu/urc)

Wednesday, April 23, 2 - 5 p.m., Kingsbury Hall

Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Symposium (ISE)

The ISE symposium encourages scientific presentations from undergraduate students in all colleges and departments. The event features undergraduate research that contributes to or benefits from an interdisciplinary science and engineering perspective. Attendees learn more about research and educational opportunities in science and engineering at UNH. The program will include a poster session, remarks from university leaders, refreshments and an awards ceremony.

Wednesday, April 23, 7:30 p.m., Strafford Room, Memorial Union Building

Keynote speech: A Faustian Bargain - Yet Grounded in Science, by Berrien Moore III

Moore is director of Climate Central, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to providing the public, business and civic leaders, and policymakers with objective information about climate change and potential solutions. His address will provide a detailed view of how Earth's climate is changing faster than scientists have predicted, the dramatic impact of these changes on the Earth, and how we can solve the problem.

Friday, April 25, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Granite State Room and other rooms in the MUB

Parents Association Undergraduate Research Symposium

The Parents Association Undergraduate Research Symposium is an interdisciplinary event that features undergraduate students from every department and program showcasing their research in the form of brief oral presentations or posters.

Saturday, April 26, 7:45 a.m. - 2 p.m., New England Center

College of Life Science and Agriculture Undergraduate Research Conference

Student presentations at the 17th Annual COLSA URC are based on research conducted in any of the college's departments and run the full gamut of research found in the college from field studies to developmental to molecular biology and genomics studies. A number of studies are collaborative efforts between work here at UNH and work carried out in foreign countries.



