Recyclemania in Full Swing

UAlbany’s Recyclemania has officially kicked off and students are hard at work planning awareness events and tallying pounds of recycling. While Recyclemania includes fun events like the weekly bin toss every Monday during lunch in the Campus Center, it also involves a lot of number crunching. Students in the Sustainability Council record total recycling amounts for eight weeks through the spring semester. “Our goal over the next 8 weeks,” says Kari Savage, one of the student coordinators of Recyclemania, “is about 200,000 pounds of mixed paper, electronics, comingled material (glass, plastic, tin).” This material consists of what students are already recycling; the only difference is the counting of the total tonnage.

Students can help in the Recyclemania effort. “Students can help UAlbany reach its weight goal by ensuring they recycle everything they can, and in the correct place,” explains Savage. Students can also take part in the recycling competition being held in the quads. Read more about this contest on page 2.

To encourage enthusiasm for recycling on campus, the Recyclemania team mapped out a kick off week during Feb 6 to 13 that featured themed days. The first day was cardboard/ mixed paper day. These materials make up the highest percentage of recycled materials by weight. Savage says for this reason, it’s the most important to recycle.

In order to keep the campus aware of what progress has been made on the overall goal, a thermometer will be displayed in the Campus Center food court area. Watch for it and members of the Recyclemania team throughout campus in the coming weeks—and don’t forget to join in and recycle!! So far we’ve recycled enough to reduce our carbon emissions by 47 metric tons! Keep track of our progress at: http://www.albany.edu/gogreen/4.recyclemania.shtml
**March Events**

**Recycling Competition in Quads**

In support of Recyclemania, the Office of Environmental Sustainability and the Student Sustainability Council is teaming with Res Life to sponsor a recycling contest in the four quads.

**Description:** From March 5th to March 29th, representatives will be present in the dining halls once a week to collect bottles and cans from students. Students will receive tickets based on the amount of items they bring. For every three bottles/cans brought in, one ticket will be given. A small bag of recyclables will receive 5 tickets and a large bag of recyclables will receive 10 tickets.

**Collection days:** Collections will take place between 5 and 8 pm for each quad on the following days:

- **Monday:** State Quad
- **Tuesday:** Dutch Quad
- **Wednesday:** Colonial Quad
- **Thursday:** Indian Quad

**Prizes:** The person who brings in the largest number of items (based on the number of tickets) will win a $100 gift certificate to Crossgates Mall. A drawing will be held from the pool of tickets to award a $50 and $20 gift certificate from Crossgates as consolation prizes. Winners will be determined and notified by April 2nd.

**Dorm competition:**

The grounds department will record the amount of recyclables taken out of each quad during the week of March 25 to March 31. The quad with the most recyclables will win a chocolate fountain and be awarded the coveted Recyclemania trophy. The winner will be announced at the Earth and Wellness Day event on April 19th.

**Green Grams**

The UAlbany Students for Sustainability will be selling green grams, the sweet treat with an environmentally friendly tip attached, once again. This year’s sale will start on March 20, the first day of spring, and run through March 22nd. Treats will be available in the Campus Center lobby from 11 am to 2 pm on those days and cost $1 each. Proceeds will go to the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center. So stop by the Campus Center after spring break, buy a treat and help out a great organization.
Richard Heinberg to Speak at Page Hall

On March 27th, Richard Heinberg, a leading educator on Peak Oil, will speak at Page Hall beginning at 7 pm. He will discuss the impact Peak Oil—the point at which we reach maximum global oil production—will have on our economic, food, and transportation systems. His latest book, The End of Growth: Adapting to Our New Economic Reality makes a compelling argument that the global economy has reached a fateful and fundamental turning point. As energy and food prices escalate and debt levels explode, paths that formerly led to economic expansion now go nowhere. The “recession” will not end in a “recovery,” yet in the coming years we can still thrive—if we maximize happiness rather than the futile pursuit of growth at any cost. There will be a book signing following his presentation.

Heinberg is currently serving as a Senior Fellow-in-Residence at the Post Carbon Institute and has spoken at several colleges and universities over the past few years. He was awarded the 2006 M. King Hubbert Award for Excellence in Energy Education and in the summer of that year, he was the recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities teaching fellowship at SUNY Potsdam, where he led a series of eight all-day seminars for selected faculty.

So join us on March 27th for a thought provoking evening. This event is being co-sponsored by: the Capital District Transition Network, the Capital Region Energy Forum, Social Responsibilities Council of FUUSA, the Radix Center and the College of St. Rose.

Recipe Swap and Clothing Drive for Earth and Wellness Day

For this year’s Earth and Wellness Day, we will be doing a university wide recipe swap in addition to our traditional clothing exchange. If you have a healthy recipe you’d like to contribute, send it in by going to: http://www.albany.edu/eap/9703.php

Deadline to enter recipes is April 5th.

Also, do some spring cleaning in your closet and donate any lightly used but unwanted items to our clothing exchange. We will be accepting items in the Campus Center lobby weekdays from March 26 to April 5 from 11 am to 2 pm.

Items will be sorted and put out on display at our Earth and Wellness Day on April 19th. Any leftover items after the exchange will be donated to the City Mission. We will also accept monetary donations for the mission at the exchange. Any questions about the exchange can be directed to the Office of Environmental Sustainability at 518-956-8120 or gogreen@albany.edu.
News Around Campus
Sustainability Council Members Complete Service Trip to Ecuador

The Office of Environmental Sustainability is proud to recognize two of our council members, Stephen Ellis and Adam Donaghy, who completed a two week service trip to Ecuador over winter break. Stephen and Adam were part of a group of 17 UAlbany students that went to Bahía de Caráquez. Dan Sellers, a UAlbany senior, helped to organize the trip as part of the Global Student Embassy program and was featured in our September issue. (http://www.albany.edu/gogreen/files/bulletins/september2011.pdf)

Bahía de Caráquez is a coastal city in the province of Manabi. The city is located on a sandy peninsula on the country's western coast. It has seen significant development during the last 15 to 20 years due to its popularity as a vacation destination. The group worked on two different projects in the area. The first involved rebuilding a water collection system for a school by establishing a cistern. The other resulted in the planting of 1,000 trees on the beach about 5 miles south of the school.

Kudos to Adam and Stephen for using their winter vacation to give back.
Outdoor Adventures from Campus Rec

Interested in Indoor Rock Climbing or a Ropes Course? Campus Rec has set up a trip for you!

March 31st—Indoor Rock Climbing
April 14—Trip to Adirondack Extreme

To register go to:
http://www.albany.edu/campusrecreation/upcoming_events.shtml

Call For Proposals for Student Sustainability Conference

The UAlbany Sustainability Council is sponsoring the second annual Capital District Student Sustainability Conference. This year’s event will be held on April 28 from 10 am to 4 pm in the Standish Room, Science Library. If you wish to register and/or submit a proposal for a presentation, go to: http://www.albany.edu/gogreen/5.sustainability_conference_application.shtml.
The deadline for proposals is March 23rd at noon.

Climate Change and the Garden Program

A new program has been added to the EAP March line-up! A Master Gardener from the Albany County Cornell Cooperative Extension will be on hand to present Climate Change and the Garden on March 22nd from 12 to 1 pm in the Campus Center room 375. Learn how the change in plants zones will affect your gardening plans.

For details go to:

To register for EAP events, go to: http://www.albany.edu/eap/event_sign-up.htm

CSA Fair

This Sunday, March 3rd, a CSA fair will be held in Albany from 1 to 4 pm at the First Unitarian Universalist Society Church located at 405 Washington Avenue. CSA stands for Community Supported Agriculture. People purchase shares in the farm and then receive weekly deliveries of produce in the summer. The fair is sponsored by the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York and will provide information about the variety of CSA's available in the area. There is a registration fee to attend. For more details, on this and other fairs throughout the state; go to: http://www.nofany.org/csafair

THE WORLD WITHIN REACH
Opportunities

As a continuing feature, we are bringing you listings for sustainability-related jobs both in and out of the area, internships, scholarships and other professional development opportunities.

Jobs

WEB APPLICATION DEVELOPER — AASHE

AASHE is accepting applications for a full-time web application developer. This position will build web-based software that helps AASHE’s members, colleges and universities to collaborate, share information and measure progress toward sustainability goals. Successful candidates will have a bachelor’s degree in computer science, software engineering, information sciences or similar curriculum with a software development emphasis and three years of combined relevant post-secondary education or work experience. This position will be based out of a home office in Pennsylvania, Ohio or North Carolina. The review of applications begins Feb. 15, 2012.

ENERGY OUTREACH COORDINATOR

This is a great opportunity for you to be part of a dedicated and forward-thinking energy management team. This position will:

- Serve as the front door to the campus community to educate and promote conservation behaviors.
- Coordinate laboratory air flow, laboratory fume hood, plug load, and lighting behavior conservation initiatives within the overall Energy Conservation Initiative.
- Develop campus outreach programs to engage users in energy efficient behaviors.
- Serve as program administrator and manage content on the department, division and university web sites and social media, and lead the development of new interactive features to promote conservation.
- Manage the development and use of building energy dashboards and all other utility data system modules.
- Direct communications with users in the departments across campus to reduce run time on space controls and central air handling equipment, inform buying of office/laboratory equipment, and increase the number of ideas we receive that result in conservation focused changes.

This is a 3 year term position.

The ideal candidate will have:

Bachelor's degree in a field that would support communications, project management and coordination, and outreach in energy conservation or other formal four-year training program and some related work experience. Demonstrated knowledge of standard and specialized software programs used for outreach (web based) and communications. Analytical and reasoning skills involving energy unit costs and simple payback analyses.

Must be self-directed, have strong organizational, interpersonal and communication skills.

For additional information and to apply, go to http://www.ohr.cornell.edu/jobs. Contact Jessica Lang at 607-255-1037 or jek21@cornell.edu with inquiries or referrals.

Over 100 current local, green job postings on Green Guru Network. Check out: http://greengurunetwork.com/resources/jobs.html
Opportunities (con’t)

Competition

**NYS BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION—STUDENT COMPETITION**

The College of Nanoscale Science & Engineering at the University at Albany, UAlbany's School of Business, the Lally School of Management & Technology at Rensselaer, and Syracuse University will host the third annual New York State Business Plan Competition on April 26, 2012.

The New York State Business Plan Competition is a venture creation and innovation competition that was established in 2009 to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship throughout New York State's colleges and universities.

The competition encourages students to fully engage in their research and allows them to gain valuable experience through presenting their business plan to potential investors and industry executives. The top applications will be selected by an external panel of judges to present in the final round of the competition and compete for over $100,000 in cash prizes.

Since 2010, over 35 student teams from 13 New York State colleges have presented at the competition. At the end of the 2011 competition, more than $150,000 in cash and in-kind prizes have been awarded.

To learn more about the 2012 competition, please visit: [http://www.nybplan.com/](http://www.nybplan.com/).

Deadline for submissions is **March 29**.

Scholarships

For more than 30 years, the University at Albany Alumni Association has provided scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students to help continue UAlbany’s tradition of excellence and opportunity. The following student scholarships are available for 2012-2013.

**Alumni Association Spirit Scholarship ($1,000):** Awarded to three UAlbany students who demonstrate outstanding school spirit and commitment to the University and its students.

**The Agnes E. Futterer Memorial Fellowship ($750):** Awarded to a UAlbany senior entering graduate study in theatre or a theatre-related field at UAlbany or any other accredited institution or recognized theatre program.

**The Albert N. Husted Fellowship ($1,000):** Awarded to a UAlbany senior planning for full-time graduate study in any area of study at the University or any other accredited university.

**The Adna W. Risley Memorial Scholarship ($500):** Awarded to a UAlbany senior or graduate student pursuing a graduate degree in history.

**The Class of 1972 Scholarship ($500):** Awarded to a graduating UAlbany senior planning to enter full-time graduate study at the University during the next academic year.

**Bertha Brimmer Legacy Scholarship ($1,500):** Awarded to a current or incoming freshman or transfer student who is the child or grandchild of an alumnus/a.

Scholarship applications will be available online beginning Feb. 1, 2012 at [www.albany.edu/financialaid/](http://www.albany.edu/financialaid/).

**Applications are due March 7.** For more information, visit [www.albany.edu/alumni/scholarships.php](http://www.albany.edu/alumni/scholarships.php) or call Loida R. Vera Cruz at (518) 442-3087.
Opportunities (con’t)

Internships

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Capital District Community Gardens (CDCG) has been helping local residents improve their neighborhoods through community gardening and urban greening programs for more than 30 years. We manage 48 community food gardens in Albany, Rensselaer, and Schenectady Counties. Other projects include: Municipal Tree Planting & Public Landscaping Programs; Squash Hunger Program, which collects fresh produce for food pantry distribution; The Veggie Mobile, a fresh produce market on wheels; Taste Good Series, a fun, interactive introduction to fruits & veggies for pre-K through second grade children; The Produce Project, a year-round job training program in urban agriculture for Troy High School students.

Interns and volunteers are an integral part of the services we provide and as an intern you will get to experience all aspects of a nonprofit working environment.

We are seeking grads & undergrads for unpaid part-time & full-time internships with THE PRODUCE PROJECT

The Produce Project is a job training program based on the sale of organic vegetables grown on land owned by CDCG in Troy. Trainees from Troy High School, with the help of a Farmer/Educator, use high tunnels and other season extension techniques to grow and sell produce year-round.

FARMER/EDUCATOR INTERN:

- Receives a weekly organic food share.
- Assists Farmer/Educator with day to day project activities including all aspects of running and managing a successful urban organic farm business.
- Gains and applies organic farming skills, including season extension with high tunnels, crop rotation and planning, use of cover crops and composting as well as harvesting, sales and marketing.
- Works with urban youth to impart horticultural, culinary and life skills, while building relationships with community partners and promoting local and sustainable agriculture.
- Has or wishes to acquire farming and/or teaching experience, while working with youth and engaging in local food issues.
- Ideal candidates will enjoy the outdoors, be enthusiastic about youth empowerment and food issues and have a willingness to learn all aspects of running an urban organic farm. The Produce Project operates year-round so the ability to work outside in all weather conditions is a must. We are also seeking Summer Only Interns.

*Interns will have the opportunity to pursue related interests and special projects toward fulfillment of the program

Contact: Mary Vickerman, Outreach VISTA, outreach@cdcg.org

Visit us on the web @ www.cdcg.org

Internships present a great opportunity for hands-on work experience!
To apply for an internship please send a resume and letter of interest to:
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SAVE THE DATE - Upcoming Events

Here is what we’re up to during the spring semester:

- Green Grams—March 20 to 22
- Presentation by Richard Heinberg—March 27
- Earth and Wellness Day—April 19
- Clothing Exchange—April 19
- Campus Clean Up Day—April 24
- Student Conference—April 28
- Shredding Day—May 4
- Give and Go—May 16 to 18

If you would like to help with any of these, email us at gogreen@albany.edu, contact us on Facebook or come to either a council (students) or coordinator’s (faculty/staff) meeting.

Get Involved

There are three main ways people can become actively involved in the efforts here:

Students can join the Sustainability Council. This meets each Friday at 4 pm, usually in University Hall room 306.

Faculty and staff can join the Sustainability Coordinators program. This meets on the first Tuesday of each month during the academic year, in University Hall room 306.

Faculty can take part in our special forums and join the THINKGREEN listserv.

If you are interested in any of these, email our office at gogreen@albany.edu or the Director at mmallia@albany.edu

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