Give and Go

The annual move out program, the Give and Go, finished it’s fifth year this May. Students donated hundreds of items that went to local charities to help those in need. Pictured below and right are some scenes from the program.

We get a lot of TV’s

Work crew, from left, Nicole, Brad, Jeremy and Bill

Julie Anne and Nicole sorting through the clothes

Donations stacked and ready to go
Earth and Wellness Day

Earth and Wellness Day, co-hosted by the Office of Environmental Sustainability and the Employee Assistance Program, was held on April 19th in the Campus Center Ballroom. This year’s theme was “Eat Smart, Live Green.” In the morning, health screenings were available in the Fireside Lounge. During mid-day, exhibitors with information on healthy eating and nutrition were on hand coupled with a series of demonstrations on a variety of topics. The clothing exchange was held in Assembly Hall. This year, approximately 15 boxes of clothes were exchanged and another 15 boxes were donated to the City Mission. In the evening, UAlbany Students for Sustainability hosted a gathering which featured speakers from both on and off campus to discuss ways to further sustainability at the university and in our everyday lives. We’ll be back next year with another day and evening full of activities. Enjoy some of the scenes from this year. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the event a success and a special thanks to Campus Center facilities staff and UAS for sponsoring the event.

Update: Recipe Swap is Now a Cookbook!

As part of our festivities this year and in keeping with the “Eat Smart, Live Green” theme, a recipe swap was held. Campus members either emailed in healthy recipes or visited the Recipe Swap Table. Thank you to all who participated and your contributions have resulted in an electronic cookbook of all the recipes. You can find this at:

We hope to continue this next year so if you didn’t get one in this time, please participate next year. Thank you to Jessica Healy and Jo-Ann Moshier for their work on this project.
Student Sustainability Conference

The second annual Capital District Student Sustainability Conference took place on April 28th in the Standish Room. Students from 5 area colleges and universities got together to share best practices and pursue collaborative opportunities. Scott Kellogg, founder of the Radix Ecological Center, served as keynote speaker and Andy Goldstein from Cascade Recovery was the featured speaker. Andy also directed the attendees in a workshop to help identify improvements in recycling at their campuses. Thanks go out to the Writer’s Institute for the use of their conference room and UAS for sponsoring the event. And a special farewell to our conference organizer, Jonny Puglia. We’ll miss you!!
Tour of Radix Ecological Center in Albany

The UAlbany Sustainability Coordinators and Council members went to downtown Albany to check out the new Radix Ecological and Sustainability Center. There they received a tour of the facility from founder Scott Kellogg. The Center offers classes in urban sustainability, holds monthly open houses and manages a residential composting service. Check them out at: www.radixcenter.org

Shredding Day

The highly anticipated Shredding Day was held in early May and this year we had 72 participants get 9,200 lbs of paper shredded which is the equivalent 62 trees. Great job!

Thanks to Pro-Shred for doing the shredding and EAP coordinator Brenda Seckerson for setting up the event.

Council Visits the Pine Bush Discovery Center

The UAlbany Student Sustainability Council took its annual trip to the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center in early May. The group did the 1 mile hike through the Pine Bush and were rewarded with two sightings of the Karner Blue Butterfly. You can’t always see them this soon in the season but the early warm weather may have played a role in their appearance. Unfortunately, we weren’t able to get a shot of it but we swear, we really did see it!!

Hikers included: Brad, Adam, Cassidy, Mary Ellen, Dylan, Bill, Nicole, Jeremy, Jess, Sean and Tom.

Cassidy, President of UAlbany Students for Sustainability, meets one of the cuter inhabitants.

The Center uses carnivorous plants and insects to ward off harmful bugs and fungi.

Solar Panel array

Checking out the coyote display

Hikers included: Brad, Adam, Cassidy, Mary Ellen, Dylan, Bill, Nicole, Jeremy, Jess, Sean and Tom.
Contest Winners of Freedom Apartments Electricity Challenge and Recyclemania Contest

We wrapped up the first (and hopefully annual) Freedom Apartment Electricity Challenge for the spring semester. The building electricity use per person was measured from late January to mid April. The residents in the cluster with the lowest electricity use per person were eligible for fabulous prizes. And the winner was…… Cluster A by a close margin. Thank you to Stephen Ellis who designed, implemented and managed the contest along with support from Andre Thompson and Leandra Payne. We hope to do it again next year.

Also, on Earth and Wellness Day, the winning quad of Recyclemania was announced. Congratulations to Colonial Quad who won a very close contest over Indian Quad to retain the title and keep that trophy for another year.

Clean up Day

On April 24, campus volunteers braved the rainy weather in the morning to help clean up the grounds for graduation. Fortunately, the rain stopped and the sun came out in the afternoon to make the work a little more pleasant. In all, 588 people volunteered, 44% were students, 34% were staff, 18% were non-campus employees and 4% were faculty. They hauled and spread more than 140 yards of mulch around trees, planting beds and flower beds. 250 sq.ft. of sod was rolled out and several plantings were completed including; 8 lilac trees, 4 rose of Sharon bushes, two mock orange trees, several juniper shrubs, 30 flats of pansies, dozens of hostas, and assorted ground covers. As for the “clean up” part, 120 yards of debris was removed which included leaves, branches and trash. Unfortunately, due to the weather, the popular painting assignments had to be cancelled but in all, it was a very successful day with a lot of progress and the grounds look great!!
A new website: www.capitalmoves.org has been created to provide an overview of other alternative transportation options in the areas. You can click on the link for carpooling to sign up for our free carpool matching service at IPool2.com. When you register using your UAlbany email, you will automatically be sent to our page to search for carpooling partners within the University. We currently have 80 people on the service and the more who sign up, the better the chance to find a match, so join today!

June Car Sharing Special

Did you know that our car sharing service, operated by Hertz On Demand, is open to the entire community, ages 18 and up, and that they have monthly specials for members? Plus, it’s absolutely free to sign up and become a member, you just have to pay for the time you rent the car!! To get started, simply go to: www.hertzondemand.com and click on the University at Albany under the location drop down menu. Once approved, you’ll receive your membership card and be able to reserve one of the three cars on campus. Two are located uptown (currently near Indian Quad) and another is at Alumni Quad. It costs $8 per hour to rent a car and that includes gas and insurance. Once your reservation is over, the car is brought to the same spot that it was picked up.

This month feature......
Family Consignment Sale this Weekend

If you like consignment sales, then this is the event for you. On June 16th, a sale will be held at the Saratoga Independent School from 6 to 8 pm and again on Sunday, June 17th from 10 am to 2 pm. There will also be a sale this fall so stay up to date by going to: http://www.capital-consignments.com/

WHERE:
Saratoga Independent School
459 Lake Avenue
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
(just off I-87, Exit 15 near Wilton Mall)

WHEN:
Saturday, June 16th & Sunday, June 17th
REGISTRATION PORTAL OPEN NOW THROUGH JUNE 8th!

Men, Women and Children's Clothing, Shoes, Accessories, Toys, Movies, Books, Electronics, Small Furniture, Infant/toddler essentials and MORE!

CONSIGN

Earn 70% profit less a $10 fee!
Enter items, choose a price, drop them off. We advertise and run the Sale. Pick up unsold items or donate them. We send you a check!

FUNDRAISE

Let us do the work and you earn the profit.
No volunteers, no door to door sales!

SHOP

FREE admission, great deals on new and gently used items.
Cash and credit cards accepted

VOLUNTEER

Earn great benefits for a few hours of your time!
Pre-Sale entry, waived fees, greater profit, gift certificates & more!

SPONSOR

Advertise on our website and/or flyers at the event.
We support local business.

Support local business, keep items out of landfills, save money on gently used or new items and put money in the pockets of Capital Region families just like you!

Contact us for more information- 518-406-TOYS (8697), hollyva@capital-consignments.com
www.capital-consignments.com
Local Food Round Up

Each summer, we strive to let you know of the numerous Farmer’s Markets located near the University and the opportunity to support local farms.

CSA stands for community supported agriculture. Members sign up in late spring and are provided a weekly share of the farm’s harvest at drop off locations throughout the region including one at our university through Fox Hollow farms.

To find a CSA, go to localharvest.org, click on CSA and type in your zip code. Some CSA’s are still accepting sign ups but most close their registration in late spring. If it’s too late to get in this year, put it on your calendar to do in March.

Another option is to order from an online farmer’s market. One local venture is the Farmie Market which offers produce for Saratoga (Turning Point Market), Albany & Schenectady (Helderberg Market) and Rensselaer County (Uncle Sam’s Farmer’s Stand). This delivers the local produce right to your door! Check them out at: http://www.farmiemarket.com/FM/Home.html

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Farmer’s Markets located near the University

If you’re thinking about picking up some fresh produce during lunch or right after work or school, here are some spots close to UAlbany:

**Albany Daily Market**
4 McKown Rd., off of Western Ave.
*Monday-Friday 12pm-5:30pm* until late September
Located off of Western Avenue behind Passanno Paints, the Barber Family sponsors a daily market. Be sure to try their sweet corn!!

**CDPHP Farmer’s Market**
500 Patroon Creek Blvd.
*Thursdays 11am-1:30pm* until October 6
Located in the CDPHP parking lot, this hosts a variety of vendors that sell fresh produce, flowers and a range of specialty items.

**Harriman Campus Farmer’s Market**
Buildings 8 & 8A
*Thursdays 10 am– 2pm* until October
This one is right next door.

Find more farmer’s markets at:
http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AP/CommunityFarmersMarkets.asp
And at our web site:
http://www.albany.edu/gogreen/10.farmers_market.shtml
Opportunities

Jobs

SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR—URSINUS COLLEGE

Applications are now being accepted for a full-time Sustainability Program Coordinator (SPC) to join the Ursinus College Office of Sustainability (OS). The SPC will collaborate with other OS staff to create/maintain cohesive programming across all levels of the College. He or she will coordinate existing campus-wide sustainability initiatives involving students, faculty, staff, and administrators, and foster a culture of sustainability across the campus. The SPC will be responsible for facilitating student involvement in sustainability initiatives including coordinating volunteers, classes, and student groups; developing new sustainability initiatives in conjunction with faculty, staff, and administrators; facilitating growth of projects initiated by faculty and students; overseeing administrative and logistical details of ongoing programs and projects; promoting OS programming internally and externally including, but not limited to, the development of written material and attendance at meetings and conferences; and providing advice and support to students, student groups, and the campus community on sustainability issues.

Qualified applicants should have the following:
- A bachelor’s degree in environmental studies or related interdisciplinary field;
- Three to five years’ professional experience working on sustainability initiatives, preferably in a higher education setting;
- Professional experience overseeing undergraduate or graduate students;
- Excellent written and oral communications skills;
- A demonstrated ability to work independently as well as collaboratively without daily supervision, and to coordinate and lead multiple complex sustainability programs simultaneously involving a large number of diverse participants; and
- A willingness to work outside of regular office hours as necessary to support student initiatives.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume and list of three references to the Human Resources Office via email to hr@ursinus.edu. Cover letter should be specific in describing relevant experience and abilities. For information about the Office of Sustainability at Ursinus College, please see www.ursinus.edu/UCGreen. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY — POMONA COLLEGE

Pomona College is seeking a talented, energetic, dedicated, and well-organized professional to serve as the Assistant Director of Sustainability. The candidate must be detail-oriented and comfortable working in a relaxed but busy environment. You will provide leadership to the College’s sustainability programs and will develop, implement, and assess efforts for the integration of sustainability throughout campus operations and programs. This position will develop, enhance, and maintain environmental stewardship within the campus community and among its constituencies as well as develop strategies for: energy and resource conservation and efficiency, building performance and retro-commissioning, cost forecasting, community engagement and outreach, and strategic planning for sustainability; as well as oversee the various programs of the Sustainability Integration Office.

Requires:
- Bachelor’s Degree in Environmental Studies or other related field of study (Master’s Degree preferred).
- 5 years of hands-on experience implementing environmental or sustainability programs.
- LEED level accreditation preferred or the ability to obtain within 18 months.

Target hiring salary is $56,300. This is a regular, full-time 12-month position. Please submit a Pomona College application, cover letter and resume to: Pomona College, Attn: HR/ P1876-M, 150 E. Eighth St., Claremont, CA 91711. Documents may also be submitted via email at staffjobs@pomona.edu or by fax (909) 607-1726.

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**CLIMATE, MIND AND BEHAVIOR PROGRAM COORDINATOR—GARRISON INSTITUTE**

The Garrison Institute’s Climate, Mind and Behavior (CMB) Initiative is currently seeking a part-time Program Coordinator to provide administrative and programmatic support to the Climate, Mind and Behavior (CMB) Initiative. The position will begin as 3-days per week with the potential for full-time by end of this year.

The Program Coordinator is responsible for coordinating and helping to organize the annual CMB Symposia, writing electronic newsletters, drafting program communications, and coordinating regional CMB hubs. This person will also serve as the point of contact for all general inquiries and oversee the Initiative database. The Program Coordinator will also be responsible for collecting articles and other information on relevant topics, drafting surveys, writing overviews of interesting articles, and providing preliminary assessments of research data.

Candidates must be tech-savvy and have proficiency with MS Office, calendar and email software, databases and internet research as well as working knowledge of list servs, blogs and social media platforms. The position requires 3+ years administrative experience, some of which as a Coordinator organizing events, conferences, or trainings. In addition, a Masters Degree is preferred in the social sciences, environmental humanities and/or environmental studies. Successful candidates will also have a keen interest in climate change solutions and a strong desire to learn about and support the Garrison Institute’s mission.

To learn more about our work, and to see a full description for the Program Coordinator position, please visit http://www.garrisoninstitute.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=294&Itemid=1100

This is a part-time position with the potential of full-time by the end of the year. It includes a generous benefits package including retirement plan, health benefits and paid vacation. To apply, send a cover letter, resume and writing sample to: Garrison Institute, PO Box 532, Garrison, NY 10524, fax to #845.424.4900 or send by email to HR@garrisoninstitute.org. Please, no phone calls.

**STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP**

The 2012 Student Training for Environmental Protection (STEP) in Virginia is a week long environmental leadership program in beautiful Prince William Forest, just outside of Washington, D.C. This event promises to be one of the most pivotal events that you’ll ever attend; upon completion, you’ll be ready to effectively tackle just about any environmental (or even social) issue that you choose. The week that you spend in Prince William Forest has the potential to be one of the best weeks of your life; you’ll meet awesome new people, eat delicious food, get to hang out in a beautiful setting, and best of all, you’ll learn the skills that you’ll need to be an awesome environmental organizer.

The program runs from July 15th through 22nd. To learn more and to apply, go to http://gsew.org/step.html. Don’t delay, space is limited.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact Colin via email at colin@greatlandtrust.net or at 860-395-8392.

Over 100 current local, green job postings on Green Guru Network. Check out: http://greengurunetwork.com/resources/jobs.html
Get involved in sustainability

THINKGREEN listserv

This listserv is for faculty who want to participate in developing academic offerings that are sustainability related. This could include speakers, research forums, developing new content units within existing courses or even developing new courses. To sign up for the list serv go to:
http://www.albany.edu/its/faculty_listserv.htm

Or you can contact Mary Ellen at mmallia@albany.edu to subscribe.

Faculty and Staff

Sustainability Coordinators

The sustainability coordinators program is designed for faculty and staff members who wish to help increase awareness about sustainable operations on campus. Coordinators meet the first Tuesday of every month at noontime during the academic year. If you would like to become a coordinator or would like to nominate someone from your department, contact Mary Ellen at 956-8120 or by email at mmallia@albany.edu.

UAlbany Students For Sustainability

This group strives to raise awareness and implement programming and events designed to encourage sustainable behavior on campus.

If you are interested in the group, contact them at their My Involvement page: http://albany.collegiatelink.net/organization/USS

Did You Know? That you can help the sustainability office finance its programs by contributing to UAlbany fund and designating the “Office of Environmental Sustainability” as the recipient. For details on how to give, go to:
http://www.albany.edu/giving/ways_of_giving.shtml

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