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Happy November! You may have heard the big news that Georgia Southern received the second highest recognition in the country with an Honorable Mention for Second Nature and US Green Building Council's Climate Leadership Award. We are beyond proud of the campus-wide partnerships that have led to our nationally recognized sustainability advances.

In October we hosted the 2017 Georgia Campus Sustainability Network Annual Conference with about 100 participants from across the state (rescheduled from September due to Hurricane Irma). Students, faculty and staff enjoyed a captivating keynote address by George Bandy, VP of Sustainability, Mohawk Group, as well as 10 concurrent session offerings, a networking lunch, and a campus sustainability tour. Events such as these strengthen ties across Georgia's institutions of higher learning and help to lift us all up with shared sustainability ideas and strategies, from the grounds to the classroom.

- Dr. Lissa Leege, Director

2017's Pallet Challenge Winners & GreenFest Update!

The 5th annual GreenFest, Statesboro Celebration was grand! There were more than 1500 visitors, 40 vendors exhibits and activities, lovely live music, many workshops, and 100 volunteers to clean up the Blue Mile with Keep Statesboro, Bulloch Beautiful!!

With 20 beautiful pallet creations, GreenFest's Pallet Challenge was a hit this year! These are the three that received the most attention:
Campus Opportunities

Sustainability Seminar: Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer

Monday, November 6, 1109 Biological Sciences (New Biology Building)
11:15 presentation geared to biology audience
4pm presentation geared to general audience
Environmental Community Cinema– Reuse: Because You Can't Recycle the Planet

7PM Tuesday, November 7, 1119 Natural Sciences
Attendance verification provided
Open to the public!

Lunch and Learn with the Botanic Garden at Georgia Southern
Enjoy Lunch at the Garden | Inspired by the Day’s Topic

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

Justin Anthony [Anthony’s Roots]
The Garden Goes Bananas!

Justin Anthony, farmer and banana enthusiast, will amaze you with the regional possibilities of one of our favorite fruits. Justin will explain that with his cultivation tips, you too can grow bananas.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

Ancil Jacques [Swampy Appleseed Mushrooms]
When it Rains, it Spores.

Ancil Jacques, better known as Swampy Appleseed, will share his lively and entertaining “Mycology 101” lecture—an enthusiastic introduction to the many benefits and varieties of fungi in this region. You might even learn to unearth some in your own backyard.

Lunch & Learn 12 PM - 1 PM
Garden’s Heritage Pavilion, 1505 Bland Avenue

$20 (includes program and lunch). $15 for Garden Members.
Prepaid reservations required.
Reservations: www.georgiasouthern.edu/garden/events
Check, cash, and major credit cards accepted:
PO Box 8039, Statesboro, GA 30460
(912) 478-1149
Campus Farmer’s Market Food Fest

Come get your fresh produce, street food, and specialty goods every Thursday 4pm–6:30pm at the Russell Union Rotunda! Rain location: Russell Union Commons
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. This year CFS intern, Brandon Hobbs, will be leading the CCG
with many fun planting workshops, gardening techniques, home food growing, and pest control!

A message from Brandon—CCG Leader
The Campus Community Gardeners have been working hard. Our winter crops such as: radishes, carrots, kale, lettuce, spinach, Brussell sprouts, and more are growing wonderfully. If you have time and want to learn more about growing food, stop by during one of our workshops or email cfs for more information! --Brandon Hobbs

Click [here](#) to watch our new video!!

After School Garden Program

The After School Garden Program (ASGP) teaches children in five local elementary schools about gardening, basic plant biology, ecosystems, and nutrition. The children enjoy growing and eating a variety of different crops. This program makes a difference by educating youth about the importance of how food is grown, how plants fit into our world, and nutrition and healthy eating.

A message from Bailey—ASGP leader
The After School Garden Program is in full swing! After a break during fair week, we have transitioned to the nutrition portion of ASGP, where students from Georgia Southern's Nutrition program come in and teach the children about healthy food habits. We are keeping an eye on our garden crops and have noticed a few sprouts and even some plants that have come back from last year!—Bailey Chandler

Contact [CFS](#) for more information on how to volunteer.
This program is a partnership between Georgia Southern, Bulloch County Parks and Recreation, the Bulloch County Board of Education and Lee Family Farms.

What Georgia Southern Recycles:
Tailgate Game-day Recycling

**EAGLE TAILGATE RECYCLING**

**ALUMINUM CANS IN BAGS ONLY, PLEASE**

Collect aluminum cans at your tailgate site, and deposit plastic bottles at designated receptacles.
Did you know that literally tons of trash are generated by fans at every Georgia Southern home game?

The True Blue Recycling Crew passes out recycling bags to tailgaters in lots and on Greek Row every home game to reduce the amount of aluminum cans going into the landfill!

Join the True Blue Recycling Crew!
For every home game, we need volunteers to help pass out and collect recycling bags!
Click here to volunteer!

Residence Hall Recycling Incentive Program

The Residence Hall Recycling Incentive Program provides students living in the residence halls with 7 gallon recycling bins for their suits, so they can easily recycle. When it is filled, the bin is taken to clubhouse, the recycling sorted, and a their green card is stamped. 10 stamps earn the suite a prize from the Center for Sustainability!

A message from the MiChel'le – RHRIP leader

Eco–Reps: The Eco–Reps of Southern Courtyard and University Villas have began planning for their Fall 2017 workshop titled "Trash Talk Challenge." This workshop will focus on how to recycle and reuse in the residence halls. "One man's trash is another man's challenge."

RHRIP: Prize deliveries are underway for the RHRIP! Special thanks to University Villas, Southern Courtyard, Southern Pines, and Eagle Village for your participation! ---MiChel'le Hull

Green Ambassadors – a Green Student Organization
Green Ambassadors is a student organization that is dedicated to educating and putting green living into action in a way that is easy and relevant to every day life.

October Update:

Green Ambassadors had an active month in October with the “make your own firestarter workshop” during GreenFest, making corn hole boards for the Pallet Challenge, our first campus workshop “Bee Conscious & Protect our Pollinators,” and in providing recycling receptacles for several Homecoming events! We will be just as active on campus during the month of November!!

WE WILL MAKE EAGLE NATION A GREEN NATION!!

Want to join? Add us under your MyInvolvement &/OR Email us for more information

Campus In the Spotlight

Georgia Southern Wins Honorable Mention!!!

2017 CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Georgia Southern Wins
Honorable Mention for
Second Nature’s 2017
Climate Leadership Award
for a Four-Year Institution!

Green Eagle Award Winner: Guy Brandon Hobbs, 2017

Guy Brandon Hobbs– Student, Biology and Chemistry Major

Guy is an undergraduate student studying Biology and Chemistry and has been employed by CfS since Fall 2015. Over the years, Guy has done a remarkable job of maintaining 5 gardens at 5 elementary schools, and is now working on increasing the Campus Community Garden outreach. He is a great asset to the Center for Sustainability.
### Bicycle Repair Stations

Many Georgia Southern Eagles use their bicycles to transport across campus, but until 2016 there was only a bicycle repair station located at Southern Adventures at the RAC. Chuck Taylor and James Farquharson suggested more at various locations and their wishes were funded with Student Sustainability Fee grants!

Now there are three more bike repair stations and one more in progress. The completed stations are located at the Russell Union, in front of the IT Building, and at the Paulson Stadium bus stop. The stations have tools to help adjust seat height, adjust gears, put the chain on or off, pump tires, and more!

### Other Opportunities

#### Volunteers Needed: Adopt-A-Stream

Volunteers with the Georgia Adopt-A-Stream program help out their local watershed by collecting valuable information about water quality. There are over 44,000 stream miles in Georgia, and keeping tabs on what's happening in our water takes a community effort. ORK are looking for volunteers to provide essential data about Ogeechee's water quality!

Click [here](#) for more information on how to Adopt-A-Stream!

#### Volunteers Needed: Oysters for the Ogeechee

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Ogeechee Riverkeeper: Oysters for the Ogeechee

Volunteers are needed for the Ogeechee Riverkeeper's fundraising event.

**When:** 5:30-9:30pm, Thursday, November 2, 2017  
**Where:** Isle of Hope Marina  
**How:** Limited seats available on shuttle provided from Georgia Southern University

In exchange for a 2 hour-shift, volunteers receive free admission to the event, which includes all-you-can-eat oysters and non-seafood buffet. Thank you so much for helping Ogeechee Riverkeeper!

Georgia Conservancy

Jekyll Island Paddle & Camp Weekend

**When:** November 10-11  
**Where:** Jekyll Island, GA

Join the Georgia Conservancy for a weekend of camping, paddling, beach walks, fishing, hiking, biking and environmental education that includes a "Gatorology 101" presentation and a special tour of the Georgia Sea Turtle Center!!

Click [here](#) for more information!
Ebenezer Creek Paddle

**When:** December 2 9AM-3PM  
**Where:** New Ebenezer Retreat (2887 Ebenezer Road, Rincon, GA 31326)

The swamps boarding the creek contain excellent examples of water tupelo and virgin bald cypress bottomlands and many other aquatic plants! Join the Georgia Conservancy for a day paddle on beautiful Ebenezer Creek.

Click [here](#) for more information!

5th Annual Firelight 2017

**When:** Saturday, November 18  
**Where:** Sweetwater Brewing Company

Firelight 2017 will feature live music from the Pollies and Mermaid Motor Lounge, outdoor campfires, an REI-sponsored s’mores bar, silent auction, boiled peanuts from Plains, Georgia, some of Atlanta’s best food trucks and, SweetWater Brewing Company beer! This event celebrates the Georgia Conservancy’s Stewardship Trips Program. It brings together GC members and trip alumni, as well as introduces new folks to the work that we are doing across the state to share Georgia’s most precious natural places and advocate for their stewardship and protection.

Click [here](#) for more information!

100 Miles: Workshop Opportunities
**Strokes of the Salt Marsh Painting Workshop**
Plein-air Outdoor Workshop with Karen Burnett and the Georgia Coastal Artists Guild

**When:** Saturday, November 11 9am–2pm  
**Where:** Cooper's Point Clubhouse at Shellman Bluff, McIntosh County  
**Price:** $45 (members), $50 regular price

Artist Karen Burnett, and other painters from the Georgia Coastal Artists Guild, will lead a plein-air outdoor painting workshop. Demonstrations and 1:1 time will be provided!

Click [here](#) for more information!

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**Behind the Lens of Nature**  
Outdoor Photography Workshop with Benjamin Galland

**When:** Saturday, December 2 8:30am–11am  
**Where:** Wormsloe Historic Site, Savannah, Ga  
**Price:** $20 (members), $25 (regular price)

Ben Galland will lead a workshop for photographers of all backgrounds. By morning light, Wormshloe's oak avenue, historic structures, and salt marsh ecosystem will be explored behind the camera lens.

Click [here](#) for more information!

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**Conferences**

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**28th Annual CCIS Conference**  
Creating Sustainability in Education Abroad

**When:** February 28– March 2, 2018  
**Where:** San Jose, Costa Rica

Major conference themes to be explored include sustaining education abroad in a changing global environment; creating fiscal sustainability for education abroad; incorporating environmental and social sustainability into education abroad programming; and maintaining institutional, personal and professional sustainability.

Click [here](#) for more information!
9th Scientific Conference on Sustainable Tourism

When: April 24-26, 2018  
Where: Hayward (San Francisco East Bay Area), California @California State University East Bay

The 9th Scientific Conference on Sustainable Tourism Conference will provide opportunities for participants from academic institutions as well as government and hospitality, tourism and recreation organizations to examine the role of sustainability in the development and marketing of tourism and recreation products and services linked to creative tourism. It also aims to address the integration of sustainable development in the production of tourism and recreation services or products, organizational and marketing practices, within the context of creative tourism.

Click [here](#) for more information!

Master's in Environmental Education, Bard College

“Master's in Environmental Education @ Bard College, New York

“The M.Ed. program prepares educators to create an informed and engaged citizenry that will support progress towards a just, prosperous, and sustainable future. Through intensive academic training, real world professional experience, and career development opportunities the program enables graduates to pursue successful, high-impact careers in NGO’s, government land management agencies, private land conservation organizations, museums, environmental education centers, private schools, and consulting firms.”

Click [here](#) for more information!

EPA: Campus RainWorks Challenge
The Campus RainWorks Challenge seeks to engage undergraduate and graduate students to foster a dialogue about responsible stormwater management and showcase the environmental, economic and social benefits of green infrastructure practices. Student teams will design an innovative green infrastructure project for their campus that effectively manages stormwater pollution while benefitting the campus community and the environment. Entries are due by Dec. 15.

Click here for more information!

Sustainability related Study Abroad!

Study Abroad in Panama

At Kalu Yala, students and young professionals are given the opportunity to apply their passions in the real world. They work as part of our first civic institution, the research and development team. Team members utilize their studies in the search for best practices in sustainability and quality living. Unlike other education programs, we insist on exploration.

Click here for more information

Webinars

How to Get a Job in Sustainability: Purpose-Driven Careers in Business, NGO’s, and Government [meeting id: 681107111]  
Thursday, November 30th, 7PM. Dr. Eban, Director of Graduate Programs in Sustainability at Bard College, will outline career strategies for both soon-to-be and recent college graduates, and for professionals looking to make a move. Goodstein will provide participants
with a concrete job-search strategy, discuss what the current political climate means for careers in social and environmental sustainability, and also field questions. (Webinar hosted on bluejeans)

**Login:**  https://bluejeans.com/681107111

**Code:**  681107111

**Dial-in Only:**  1.888.240.2560

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**Radical Supply Chain Transparency**  
*Monday, November 6th, 3-4PM.* In this webinar, the presenters will demonstrate how students and other campus sustainability advocates can promote the application of a new transparency framework to their institution’s purchasing in order to address social, environmental, or economic impacts of concern. Several case studies will be shared, including examples from higher education as well as federal and local government agencies.

**Speaking the Language of Executive Leadership**  
*Wednesday, November 8, 3-4PM.* This webinar will address the evolution of Big Ten Prospectus, an effort to understand and measure sustainability’s contribution to mission-level priorities and initiate a conversation with executive leadership about high-impact collaborations that will help our institutions adapt and thrive in a changing landscape.

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**Jobs/Internships**

**Assistant Tenure-Track Professor, Sustainability Education, Arizona State University**  
**Sustainability Manager, Student Learning and Leadership, Simon Fraser University**  
**Assistant Director, Facilities Services and Sustainability, Black Hills State University**  
**Sustainability Education and Outreach Coordinator, University of Southern Maine**  
**Director, Office of Sustainability and Stewardship, Mount Mercy University**  
**Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services, University of Illinois at Chicago**  
**Campus Sustainability Program Coordinator, Simon Fraser University**  
**Sustainability Grants Program Coordinator, University of California**  
**Sustainability Projects Coordinator, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA**  
**Assistant Vice President of Campus Facilities, Pitzer College**  
**Research Sustainability Manager, Simon Fraser University**  
**Sustainability Learning Coordinator, Dickinson College**  
**Green Labs Coordinator, University of Maryland**

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**Read All About it**

**Carbon-Neutral Book Empowers Kids to Protect the Environment**

*The Tantrum That Saved The World*

Written and Illustrated by Megan Herbert in collaboration with climate scientist, Michael E. Mann

"As parents, we want to talk to our kids about what’s happening to our planet, but we don’t want to scare them senseless at bedtime," they write on their campaign page. "Or bore them into apathy by reading them dry academic material. Or give them reason to be angry, without also giving them the tools to manage their strong emotions."
Misplaced Monarchs
article by Seth Borenstein, Washington

It is the time of year for monarch butterflies to travel south to Mexico for the Winter. They should be mostly in Texas by now, however, there are still clusters being seen in New Jersey and even Canada. Scientists believe it is due to the unusually warm weather and strong winds that have kept them from migrating south.

click here for the full article

Canon Makes Commitment To Replant Forests With 50,000 Trees
article by Tessa Love

Canon has been involved with the Arbor Day Foundation program called "Replanting Our Forests" since 2009 to help with reforestation efforts and has planted 460,000 trees over this time period. This year, the company has a goal of planting 50,000 more trees in the United States!

read the full article here
Inspiration

California is the First State to Require Pet Stores Sell Rescue Animals

“This is a big win for our four-legged friends, of course,” Assembly member O'Donnell said. “But also for California taxpayers who spend more than $250 million annually to house and euthanize animals in our shelters. I am very grateful for the strong support we received from animal-lovers across the state and from Social Compassion in Legislation, the bill’s sponsor.”

read the full article here

Green Tip from a Green Ambassador

The Return of the Safety Razor

According to the EPA, over 2 billion disposable razors and blades are thrown away in the U.S. each year. Not to mention the plastic packaging waste and lost or broken razor handles!! Disposable razors aren't just practically unable to be recycled, they are also comparatively more expensive! Sure, $3 for a 12-pack is cheap at the time, but they only last a couple of weeks! Think about how many disposable razors you've gone through over the course of your lifetime...

Yes, a safety razor is somewhat an investment and a little YouTube training may be required before use, but its a one time purchase, the blades are cheap, last a very long time, and CAN be recycled! Its such an easy way to stay conscious of your environmental
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**Student Sustainability Fees at Work!**