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Sustainable Solutions



September

Director's Message



Dear Friends,

Georgia Southern took some important steps this summer in incorporating sustainability into its mission and [strategic plan](#). Sustainability is now a stated value that accompanies the university's mission, and Strategic Pillar #4 is titled, Operational Efficiency, Effectiveness and Sustainability. This pillar includes as an objective: *Maintain a leadership position in conservation efforts, promoting a University-wide culture of environmental sustainability*. We look forward to the integration of these values on all three campuses and to new strides towards these goals in the years to come!

Enjoy our September newsletter and thank you for your continued support.

Dr. Lissa Leege

Founding Director, Center for Sustainability and Professor of Biology

Happenings



Global Sustainability in Italy

A group of 35 students from Georgia Southern's Statesboro and Armstrong campuses studied abroad in Lucca, Italy this past summer, 10 of whom were enrolled in Dr. Leege's Global Sustainability course. They learned about global sustainability including life cycle assessments, environmental issues across different continents, and more. Pictured above are students on top of the Torre (Tower) Guinigi in Lucca, Italy on a class field trip focused on green cities and urban design.





We recycled 2.3 tons of cardboard from Operation Move In! Great job everyone!

Upcoming in Fall 2019

Make sure to put these September highlights on your calendar!

- 9/4 Apartment Planting Worksop (POSTPONED UNTIL 9/11)
- 9/7 Shuttle to Farmer's Market
- 9/7 Football vs Maine: Tailgate Recycling
- 9/10 Campus Farmer's Market Festival
- 9/10 Campus Community Garden Workshop
- 9/14 Shuttle to Farmer's Market
- 9/17 Environmental Community Cinema-Plastic China
- 9/21 Shuttle to Farmer's Market
- 9/25 Campus Community Garden Workshop
- 9/28 Football vs Louisiana: Tailgate Recycling
- 9/28 Shuttle to Farmer's Market

AND Mark your calendar for GreenFest!
10/5 GreenFest 9-1 in Downtown Statesboro

Download our full Fall 2019 calendar [here](#)

Campus Engagement

Workshop: Apartment Planting 101 –
POSTPONED TIL 9/11



September 4
6:30-8:30pm
Russell Union 2042

Plant and take home a house plant
and an herb!

Register by September 1 at
cfs@georgiasouthern.edu



Shuttle to Downtown Farmer's Market



CATCH A RIDE TO THE MAINSTREET STATESBORO FARMERS MARKET

Meet in front of the University Villas Clubhouse

CASH PREFERRED, BUT CREDIT ACCEPTED BY SELECT VENDORS

EVERY SATURDAY AUG 24 - NOV 16

PICKUP TIMES AT 10:30 & 11:30

Text @GSUCFS to 81010 to receive reminders!



Campus Farmer's Market Festival





This film follows the life of an 11 year old girl and her family living in a primitive recycling plant in China.

The public is invited free of charge and attendance verification provided for Georgia Southern students.

Check out the trailer [here](#). We hope to see you there!

Campus Community Garden



**SOW,
HOE AND
GROW**

**IN THE CAMPUS
COMMUNITY GARDEN**

**SIGN UP
ONLINE TODAY!**

or contact
the Center for Sustainability at
cfs@georgiasouthern.edu
or **1-912-478-5895**
GeorgiaSouthern.edu/**sustainability**

**FIRST WORKSHOP AND WELCOME:
7 p.m., AUG. 27, 2019
LOCATION: ROOM 2054, RUSSELL UNION
STATESBORO CAMPUS**

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. Individuals and/or groups of 4+ are welcome.

Register [here](#) for a plot
Please email [cfs](#) with questions

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.

A Message from Caitlyn–ASGP Leader

I am excited for another year of ASGP! This year we have three new undergraduate student teachers and a new group of 2nd graders at the local elementary schools ready to learn about the fun of growing their own food. We are focusing on the importance of plants in the environment and how that translates to improved human health. We are growing carrots, kale, spinach, beets and radishes this semester.

This program is a partnership between Georgia Southern University, the Statesboro Bulloch County Parks and Recreation Afterschool Program and the Bulloch County Board of Education.

What Does Georgia Southern Recycle?

DID YOU KNOW?

It is CHEAPER for Georgia Southern to recycle than it is to send trash to the landfill! Make sure to follow these handy guidelines to keep contamination out of the recycling:

What can I put in campus recycling bins?



✓
YES PLEASE

✗
NO THANKS

Empty all containers.
Keep items loose, clean
and dry. Don't tie up
in plastic bags.

LANDFILL

MIXED PAPER



- mixed office paper
- mail
- posters
- newspapers
- catalogs
- magazines
- envelopes
- file folders

- food
- paper cups
- fast food bags
- plastic and metal binders
- spiral bound notebooks



PLASTIC BOTTLES



- narrow neck plastic bottles
- plastic bottles
- water bottles
- 2-liter bottles
- soda bottles
- plastic bottles
- milk jugs

- candy and chip packets
- straws
- plastic bags
- plastic food containers
- plastic utensils
- chemical/oil/detergent containers



CARDBOARD



- corrugated cardboard
(look for ridges and grooves)

- paper board
- cereal boxes
- pasta boxes
- toothpaste boxes
- packaging materials
- bubble wrap
- inflatable air packaging
- styrofoam
- pizza boxes



ALUMINUM CANS



- aluminum beverage cans

- glass
- tin foil
- foil pans
- jars
- tin food cans



Please sort responsibly.
When in doubt, throw it out.

TRUE BLUE
& GREEN
too!

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SUSTAINABILITY

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Where to recycle off campus?

Bulloch County Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Centers

HOURS OF OPERATION:
 Mon-Wed, Fri, Sat: 6 a.m.-6 p.m.
 Sun: 1 p.m.-6 p.m.
 Thurs: Closed

bullochcounty.net/recycling/recycling-centers
 (912) 764-6369



What can I recycle off-campus?

Glass	Newspaper	Used Motor Oil and	Yard Waste
Aluminum	Magazines	Filters	Tires (Must Be
Steel Cans	Mixed Paper	Clothing	Removed
Scrap Metal	Corrugated Cardboard	Household Items	From Rims)
			Appliances

*Accepted materials are subject to change based on the market

Produced in Partnership with the Center for Sustainability at Georgia Southern University

Tailgate Recycling

EAGLE TAILGATE RECYCLING

ALUMINUM
CANS ONLY,
PLEASE



Tailgate Recycling

The True Blue Recycling Crew, identified by their neon vests, will distribute recycling bags throughout the tailgate lot for your 1) empty aluminum cans/bottles in one bag and 2) empty plastic beverage bottles in another. Please do NOT place glass bottles, Solo cups, food or other contaminants in the recycling bags. Tie off the bags and leave them by the road when you go into the game, and the True Blue Recycling Crew will pick them up to keep them out of the landfill.

If you have any questions or need more recycling bags, the Center for Sustainability table is located near Gate 7 and the ticket office.

Volunteer opportunity! Would you like to be part of the True Blue

Recycling Crew? Email cfs@georgiasouthern.edu to sign up.

For more information click [here](#)

Campus in the Spotlight

Student Green Eagle Award Winner

Congratulations to Aurora Evans, our 2019 student Green Eagle Award winner! Aurora began working in the CfS office in Fall 2017 and has been one of our most dependable employees ever since. Not only is her job about sustainability, she also lives out her values of environmental stewardship with a zero waste lifestyle. Aurora is engaging and conversational with students in her role at CfS and accomplishes whatever task she is assigned with enthusiasm. Aurora clearly has a true passion for sustainability that shines through her life and her work. Congratulations, Aurora!



FY2020 Sustainability Fee Grant Winners

Congratulations to this year's 13 Sustainability Fee Grant winners! Look for these projects - happening now on the Statesboro campus!

- Where Oh Where Does the Water Go? Wetland Construction at the Botanic Garden. Proposed by Carolyn Altman, Botanic Garden Director. (\$20,306.00)
- Turning Campus Greenspaces into a Home for Climate-threatened Birds. Proposed by Drs. Elizabeth Hunter and Kevin Loope, and Corina Newsome (student), Department of Biology. (\$25,847.35)
- Tiny Mural: Pollen Nation. Proposed by Dr. Alan Harvey, Department of Biology, and Professor Jeff Schmuki, Department of Art. (\$5,557.50)
- Pedestrian Walkway LED Lighting Upgrade. Proposed by Bryan Rountree, Director of Facility Operations, Facility Services. (\$24,832.00)
- 3D Printing Waste Recycler. Proposed by Cody Thomas, GS Student, and Dr. Jeff Garland, Department of Art. (\$2,598.52)
- Food Waste Recycling and Education to Promote Sustainability at Georgia Southern University and the Community. Proposed by Dr. Padmini Shankar, Department of Health Sciences and Kinesiology, Dr. Evans Afriyie-Gyawu, Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Environmental Health Sciences and Dr. Vinoth Sittaramane, Department of Biology. (\$40,000.00)
- Dating, Dining, and Ducks: Continued Recover of Campus Lakes After Dredging . Proposed by Hannah Cohen, GS Student, and Drs. Emily Kane and Christian Cox , Department of Biology. (\$19,000.00)
- Reviving the Living Wall, Phase II. Proposed by Kira Bowden, GS student, and Jordan Wilburn, staff, Office of Leadership and Community Engagement. (\$2,000.00)
- Biodiversity of Pollinators and Predators: Surveying and Increasing Appreciation of the Bees, Ants and Wasps of Georgia Southern University. Proposed by Drs. Joshua Gibson and Kevin Loope, and Bonnie Cobb (student) Department of Biology. (\$28,000.00)
- Georgia Southern University Golf Course Operation Pollinator. Proposed by Patrick Reinhardt, Golf Course Superintendent, Campus Recreation and Intramural. (\$2,700.00)
- Golf Course Tree and Native Landscape Plantings. Proposed by Patrick Reinhardt, Golf Course Superintendent, Campus Recreation and Intramural. (\$5,000.00)
- Le Genreux: textile waste. Proposed by Emma Tirlot and Cydney Price (students), Suzanne Hallman (BIG staff) and Dr. Addie Martindale, Department of Fashion Merchandising and Design. (\$2,520.25)
- Bottle Fillers for the Natural Sciences Building. Proposed by Melissa Gast-Goodman, Administrative Coordinator, ICPS and Dr. Daniel Gleason, Director, ICPS. (\$3,495.16)

For more information, click [here](#)

Conferences



Students for Zero Waste Conference 2019

When: October 11–13, 2019

Where: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The three day event includes student-led workshops, professional training, hands-on-activity sessions, affinity group meet-ups, and panels covering topics related to waste and environmental justice.

Click [here](#) to register and to learn more



GEORGIA CLIMATE CONFERENCE

MINIMIZING GEORGIA'S RISKS.
MAXIMIZING GEORGIA'S FUTURE.

Georgia Climate Conference

When: November 7–8, 2019

Where: Atlanta, Georgia

Join leaders from the public, private, academic, and non-profit sectors sharing progress and identifying new opportunities to help Georgia take practical steps to respond to a changing climate.

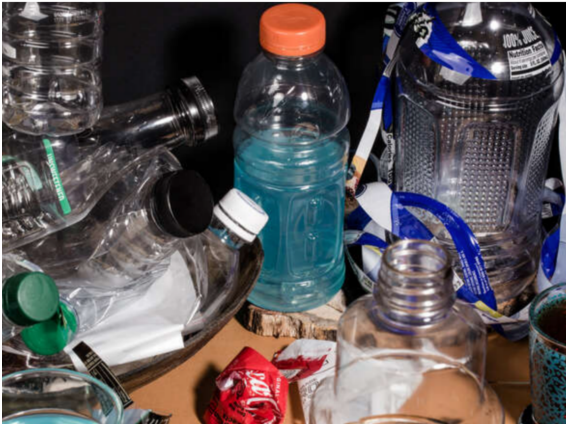
Click [here](#) to register and to learn more

Environmental News



Kroger reduced food waste footprint in supermarkets by 9% through their Zero Hunger–Zero Waste efforts

Green Tip



Be sure to remove the plastic film label from your plastic bottles before recycling

For more information about plastic recycling, click [here](#)

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Student Sustainability Fees at Work!



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