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Sustainable Solutions



February



We hosted our first ever waste audit where we sorted through trash and recycling from 4 different buildings on campus. On average, 11% of what we found in the "trash" was actually recycling. We diverted about 18 pounds of recycling from the landfill!

Common recyclable items in the trash included plastic drink bottles in the Union and Natural Sciences, and paper products such as newspapers

and old flyers in the Williams Center.

The Williams Center has the most work to do with 29% of its waste actually being recyclable.

We will be conducting a repeat waste audit at the end of March – help us improve our True Blue recycling habits by making sure the recycling stays out of the trash!

Some pictures from the event are below!



Upcoming Events

Statesboro Campus

2/19 Environmental Community Cinema – *The Need to Grow* (7pm; 1119 Natural Sciences)

2/21 Arbor Day Celebration and tree planting (10am at GSU shrubs on

Sweetheart Circle)

2/25 Campus Community Garden workshop

2/26 Voter Registration drive (11am –1pm; Russell Union Rotunda)

2/26 *Reflections from Ghana: a Global Sustainability Presentation*: Caitlyn Grunert

2/28 Sustainability Fee Committee Meeting (12:30–1:30pm; 2258 Biological Sciences)

2/28 Student Green Eagle Nominations Open (Online)

View our full Statesboro calendar [here](#)

RecycleMania



RecycleMania: February 2 – March 28th

What is RecycleMania?

A competition between universities throughout the US and Canada to see who can recycle the most.

What can be recycled?

Paper, aluminum, narrow necked plastic bottles (#1 and #2) and cardboard in any of the marked bins across our campuses.

Keep in mind...

Contamination lowers our chances of winning so make sure to sort your recycling properly.



Get Caught Green-Handed for a chance to win prizes from the Tech store

Follow: [GASouthernSustainability](#)
Use: [#CaughtGreenHanded](#)
Tag: the culprit

or

Submit pictures with both of your names and email address(catcher and the culprit) to:
cfs@georgiasouthern.edu

Participate by catching someone recycling, eating or drinking with reusable containers, riding a bus or scooter, biking, or any other green behavior.
Be the catcher or the culprit to enter for prizes!

2020 RECYCLE MANIA TOURNAMENT

Center for SUSTAINABILITY
Student Sustainability Team of Georgia Southern

What is Caught Green Handed?

During RecycleMania (Feb 2–Mar 28) you can be "Caught Green-Handed" if you are seen recycling, drinking from a reusable water bottle, riding a bicycle, or any other "green" act.

You and the "catcher" will be entered into a drawing for prizes from the University Tech Corner.

Watch our [video](#) and learn how to participate.

Environmental Community Cinema

Free Movie Night! Attendance verification is always provided if needed.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY CINEMA



Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.
Natural Sciences Room 1119
Statesboro Campus



NARRATED AND EXECUTIVE PRODUCED BY
ROSARIO DAWSON

THE NEED TO GROW

SAVE THE SOIL, SAVE THE WORLD.
THENEEDTOGROW.COM

Arbor Day

Let's plant some trees! Georgia Southern's Statesboro Campus will celebrate Arbor Day by planting new trees in this iconic Georgia Southern locale. Volunteers are needed and all are welcome!

A photograph of three people—two young women and one adult woman—working together to plant a tree in a wooded area. The woman on the left is holding a shovel with a large clump of soil. The woman in the center is wearing sunglasses and a plaid shirt. The woman on the right is wearing a blue shirt. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The background shows trees and a clear sky.

The Division of Facilities Services and the Center for Sustainability invite you to participate in an:

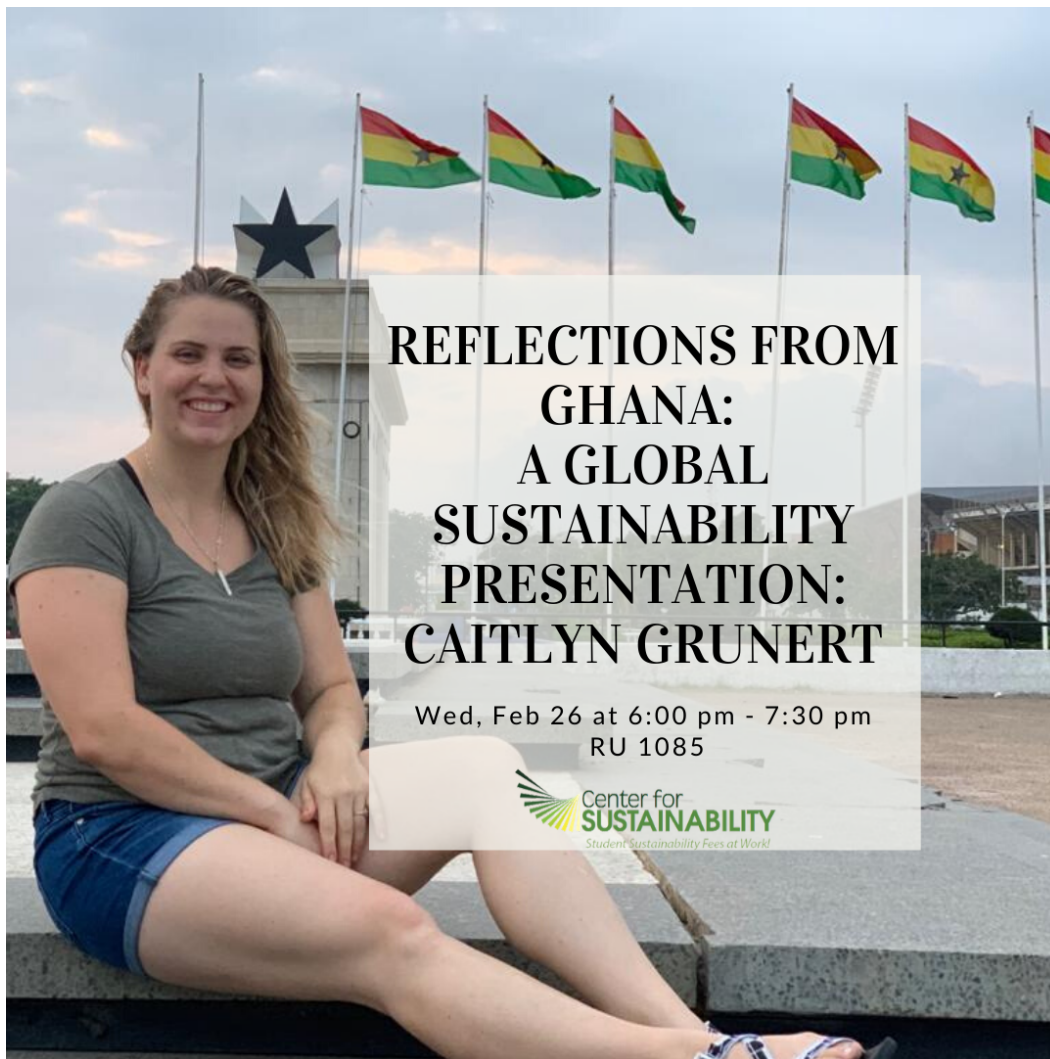
ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION & TREE PLANTING

Friday, February 21, 2020 at 10 am
Statesboro Campus: Sweetheart Circle at the GSU
shrubs
with special guest, Alex Ballard, Georgia Forestry
Commission



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Student Sustainability Fees at Work!

Global Sustainability



REFLECTIONS FROM GHANA: A GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY PRESENTATION: CAITLYN GRUNERT

Wed, Feb 26 at 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
RU 1085



Our very own graduate assistant, Caitlyn Grunert, will share her experience studying abroad in Ghana. She will be discussing how sustainability of waste, food, water, energy, and transportation are not only national issues in the United States but global issues that every individual should be concerned about.

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Upcoming



GEORGIA SOUTHERN
UNIVERSITY

SUSTAINABILITY SEMINAR SERIES



OVIE MUGHELLI

ECO-ATHLETE - MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER - CLIMATE AND STEM EXPERT

EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION THROUGH GREENING SPORTS

Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m.

Performing Arts Center, Statesboro Campus



For more information, visit
GeorgiaSouthern.edu/Sustainability

Former Atlanta Falcon and two-time All-Pro NFL Player, Ovie Mughelli will be speaking in our Sustainability Seminar Series. Free and open to the public - don't miss it!

Ovie Mughelli is an award winning and nationally recognized retired professional athlete, turned environmental advocate. During his nine seasons playing in the National Football League, Ovie was considered one of the best fullbacks in the NFL, while playing for the Atlanta Falcons and the Baltimore Ravens.

Ovie is a devoted husband and father of three young children. He was awakened to the connection of human health to our planet's health when his two youngest children were born premature. Ovie recognized that we need a shift in our culture of how we connect with, see and treat our planet.

As a result, he founded The Ovie Mughelli Foundation where he is educating and empowering the next generation of green leaders. He is working to diversify the green industry, giving equal access to all the benefits that green spaces provide.

Ultimately, he wants to leave a legacy that will allow youth to have a better future - advocating for healthy environmental practices and opening kids eyes to the need for everyone to take an active role in saving the planet.



It's coming soon! Mark your calendars and get ready for a whole week of fun activities and workshops!

Green Eagle Awards

Nominate your candidate at:
georgiasouthern.edu/sustainability

Green Eagle Awards



Do you know a student who has shown commitment to sustainability?
Nominate them for a Green Eagle Award to be recognized for their efforts!
Nominations close April 3rd!



If you know someone who qualifies, please nominate them [here](#).











What Does Georgia Southern Recycle?

Can recycle: paper, #1 and #2 narrow necked plastic bottles, corrugated cardboard, and aluminum cans

Do NOT recycle: paperboard (cereal boxes, toothpaste boxes, granola bar boxes, etc.), pizza boxes, food, Starbucks drinks, glass, plastic straws, etc.

What can I put in campus recycling bins?

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

 YES PLEASE	 NO THANKS	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 • 2-liter bottles • plastic bottles • milk jugs • water bottles • soda bottles	• 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 • packaging materials • inflatable air packaging • pizza boxes • pasta boxes • toothpaste boxes • bubble wrap • styrofoam	
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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GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Where to Recycle Off Campus?

Bulloch County Off-Campus Recycling Locations

Bulloch County Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Centers



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

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Programs

Campus Community Garden



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.

Click [here](#) to watch our video and learn how to join the Campus Community Garden.

After School Garden Program



The After School Garden Program (ASGP) teaches 2nd graders in Statesboro's elementary schools about food and sustainability.

For Spring 2020, the students will be planting spinach, beets, and introducing an herb/native plant garden!

Pictured above is some kale harvested from one of the elementary schools and sent home with our young gardeners!



Professional Development



Center Program Manager (Full-Time)

California State University, Los Angeles

Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications

Personnel will write proposals, reports, and make presentations for successful sustainability solutions and work collaboratively in a team in a multicultural/ multi-ethnic environment.

For more information visit [their website](#).

DCS Sustainability Coordinator (Full-time)

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Under the general direction of the Dietitian, this position will lead and coordinate departmental and divisional sustainability initiatives, including work with campus and community partners.

For more information visit [their website](#).

Sustainability Fellowship

The University of New Hampshire is excited to announce that [applications](#) are being accepted for the [2020 Summer Sustainability Fellowships](#) and that the Sustainability Institute at University of New Hampshire has extended the application deadline to February 10, 2020.

February 4 | INFO-SESSION for PAID SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES:
1:00–2:00 PM, Changemaker Hub (Nesmith 111)

Sustainability Fellowships are a fantastic opportunity to gain unique hands-on experience, make valuable connections throughout New England, and contribute to impactful work over the summer.

Graduate and upper-class undergraduate students from any discipline are encouraged to apply. See below for details on the 2020 Fellowships – more information is available on [their website](#).

Sustainability Conferences

– Online [2020 NWF EcoCareers Conference](#)

The National Wildlife Federation EcoCareers Conference, happening online April 1–2, prepares students and young professionals for wildlife and sustainability careers by providing information on the latest career trends from leading analysts and employers, clarifying career enhancing credentials and academic offerings, and formulating a better understanding of the competencies employers seek in the sustainability sector.

Sustainability Contests

2020 Saving Endangered Species College Student Art Contest
The Endangered Species Coalition and National Wildlife Federation invite students to submit entries for the 2020 Saving Endangered Species College Student Art Contest. The contest is part of the 15th annual Endangered Species Day, happening on May 15, 2020. The first place winner will be featured in National Wildlife magazine and promotions for Endangered Species Day 2020.

Biomimicry Global Design Challenge 2020

The Biomimicry Global Design Challenge asks teams of students and professionals to address critical global issues with nature-inspired solutions that align with one or more of the Sustainable

Development Goals. The design concepts may address any aspect of climate change adaptation, mitigation and reversal in any sector of the economy. Submissions are due May 1.

Green Tip



Have a Sustainable Valentine's Day with these Tips:

1. Try a vegetarian meal for your dinner date! It gives you the chance to try something new.
2. Get crafty! When you make your gift yourself, it is more special than a mass-produced, store-bought item.
3. Do you remember a time before electricity and internet? Set the mood by lighting candles and spend time with the people that matter most by playing a board game or having dinner. When is the last time you had a meaningful conversation without looking at or talking on your phone?

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For more information, visit the [Center for Sustainability](#), and check

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Student Sustainability Fees at Work!