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Georgia Southern University's Center for Sustainability has teamed up with the University Wellness Program to host a number of events throughout April that are designed to improve and protect our environment and change behavior when it comes to food, energy, water and waste. The focal point is "No Impact Week," to be held April 13-20.

"This week shows our commitment to sustainability and seeks to educate and inspire with an engaging and diverse slate of events," said Lissa Leege, director of the Center for Sustainability. University Wellness Program Director Michele Martin adds, "No Impact Week provides an opportunity for individuals to explore environmental wellness and how they may practice it in their day-to-day life. Being environmentally well is about being able to live in harmony with the earth, give back and protect the earth, as well as find ways to take advantage of what the earth can do

for our well-being."

During the 4th annual event, more than 70 activities will challenge participants to cumulatively reduce their impact on the earth by limiting consumption and trash, choosing sustainable food and transportation by reducing energy and water use. The goal of the environmental education activities is to share ideas and information and to learn to live by leaving as little of a carbon footprint as possible.

A highlight of "No Impact Week" is a presentation from Former U.S. Secretary of Energy and Nobel Prize recipient Dr. Steven Chu on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, 847 Plant Drive. In his keynote address, Chu will present "Renewing our Independence through Renewable Energy: Challenges and Opportunities." Admission is free and open to everyone.

Georgia Southern is the only university in the United States to participate in "No Impact Week" for four consecutive years and is a joint project between the Center for Sustainability and the University Wellness Program with support from more than 25 different campus departments and clubs. See the full calendar of "No Impact Week" events including a Trash to Treasure workshop, Earth Day Celebration and the Campus Farmers' Market, by visiting: <http://recreation.georgiasouthern.edu/wellness/special-events/no-impact-week/>.

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