



Project Coordinators (left to right): Jenna Bader, Adrienne Spitzer, Brietta Linney, and Max Tanti.

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December is here!

by Brietta Linney

Well, this newsletter wraps up the Fall 2012 semester. I really enjoyed working with the team this semester, and I'm glad our three interns Anais, Elizabeth, and Augustine joined PSGC. They each added something unique to the team, and we were able to accomplish a lot of project this semester with their help.

December's newsletter will wrap up this semester's Green Workplace Assessments with an article about the ceremony. Also, there are some things to look forward to during next semester. It also features a Local Gift Guide. Here is a sneak peak at our gift guide, read the rest of the newsletter for more ideas!

"Humboldt Gift Basket"



Every year I give my sister some of my favorite things from Arcata. I go over to the Co-Op and pick out some Larrupin, Humboldt Fog, Purple Haze, and Humboldt Hot sauce. Last year on Christmas morning, I made her breakfast in bed with some of these ingredients. She loves to put purple haze and Humboldt hot sauce on her omelet!



Brietta Linney
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by Jenna Bader



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The PowerSave Green Campus team celebrated our three Green Workplace Assessment (GWA) certified offices of the Fall 2012 semester on November 29th with an Award Ceremony Luncheon. We provided a light lunch and refreshments for workplace employees to enjoy while the team presented their awards. The GWA process involves an initial and final assessment where the offices are scored based on a checklist covering seven areas of sustainable actions. Once certified, individuals are welcome to participate in our GWA Certified Office Pledge, where they can commit to reducing their personal energy usage further. So far, we have received ten pledges from the Fall 2012 certified offices, totaling 10,700 potential kWh/year saved! Here are some additional highlights:

The Children's Center

GWA Certified **GOLD**

- Sustainability Champion -**Susan Rosen** (12 people in the office)
 - Initial assessment score -Bronze (46.5 points)
 - Final assessment score -Gold (72.5 points)
- Creative/Innovative Sustainability highlights include:
 1. Replaced paper wait lists and newsletter distribution to an electronic format
 2. Made documents available on their website for parents, funders, etc.
 3. Collect ink cartridges and donated cell phones to recycle

Office of Distance and Extended Education

GWA Certified **SILVER**

- Sustainability Champion -**Grace Kerr** (16 people in the office)
 - Initial assessment score - GWA Certified (33 points)
 - Final assessment score - Silver (60.5 points)
- Creative/Innovative Sustainability highlights include:
 1. Keep live plants in the workplace
 2. Saving e-waste and disposing of it properly on campus
 3. Purchase water in 5 gallon bottles for the workplace, which are returned and refilled.
 4. Use Skype for interviewing people from out of the area

Theatre, Film, and Dance Department

GWA Certified **GOLD**

- Sustainability Champion -**Debra Ryerson** (9 people in the office)
 - Initial assessment score -GWA Certified (34 points)
 - Final assessment score -Gold (70 points)
- Creative/Innovative Sustainability highlights include:
 1. Use glass instead of plastic for food, drinks, etc.
 2. Workplace collectively cleans and turns off the refrigerator during breaks
 3. Use microwave rather than stovetop to save energy costs

From Awareness Into Action

by Adrienne Spitzer

HSU PowerSave Green Campus (PSGC) project coordinators Adrienne Spitzer and Brietta Linney collaborated with project coordinators at Chico State and UCSC to submit a proposal for a 70-minute presentation at This Way to Sustainability Conference VIII. Conference coordinators accepted the proposal, and the three teams converge in Chico from March 7-8, 2013 to share best practices and project implementation strategies. The title of the presentation is *"From Awareness Into Action"*, and it will focus on how PSGC interns implement projects on their respective campuses that bring together outreach campaigns and projects with measurable energy and water savings. The interns will also discuss best practices they have developed to carry out projects and some common challenges associated with those projects. The goal is that attendants at the presentation will walk away with innovative project ideas and best practices that can be implemented on their campus. Adrienne and Brietta will be talking about projects like the Green Workplace Certification Program and Energy Awareness Month which helped spread awareness on campus and generate energy savings for the university.

PSGC interns have attended this annual conference for the last few years and had the chance to present every year. Each year, the interns have the opportunity to share their experiences and learn about sustainable solutions that are being practiced at other universities, in local businesses, and in the community. This Way to Sustainability is a student-led conference and is open to all college students. A few other clubs and organizations join Humboldt PSGC at this conference each year, and we hope any interested students can make it in March next year.

For more information go to: <http://www.csuchico.edu/sustainablefuture/conference/index.shtml>



Bubbles

Classic Basket

By: Anais Rodriguez

A local store called Bubbles is where I like to find gifts for my friends and family. This gift basket includes a bottle of Aloe Comfrey scented lotion, a scented bottle of bath gel, two bars of handmade glycerin soap, and two heart-shaped soaps. This is an amazing gift for any individual and it can be personalized by choosing between rose, lavender or rain scents.

Local Gift Guide

Humboldt State Gear

By: Elizabeth Soto

This past Thanksgiving break I brought home some presents for my family from the campus bookstore. This is my first semester here and I wanted my parents, sister, boyfriend, and grandfather to have something with the school logo. I wanted them to be proud and show off what school I attend. My father, mother, and grandfather are big coffee drinkers so I just got them some coffee mugs. I got my mother a yellow one that says "Humboldt State Mom," my father a green one with "Humboldt State Dad" written on it, and my grandfather a white one that says "Humboldt State University." They loved them and are still using the mugs basically everyday. I bought my sister a HSU t-shirt that she wears at school on Wednesdays for College T-shirt Day. My boyfriend liked his HSU t-shirt so much he wore it for three days in a row. Overall, everyone liked the gifts, which made me very happy.



Interview with Morgan King

by Brietta Linney and Max Tanti

This month, Max Tanti and Brietta Linney interviewed their former PowerSave Green Campus team lead, Morgan King. They discussed his new job as the Humboldt State University Sustainability and Waste Coordinator and some of the exciting new projects he is working on.

Morgan's job enables him to interact with numerous entities on campus, including the PSGC project coordinators. He manages the recycling and food waste programs on campus, gives new faculty sustainability orientations, is an advisor for WRRAP, and advises students on various projects. Currently Morgan is managing a \$76,000 grant from Cal Recycle that he applied for last year. The money will go toward new recycling bins, recycling signage, and a social marketing campaign. PSGC is working with Morgan and Housing to promote [Green Room Certifications](#) in the dorms. Residents can fill out a checklist online and pledge to lower their carbon footprint and reduce consumption of electricity, water, and limited natural resources.

Humboldt State has the reputation of being a "green" and "eco-friendly" campus, but there is still much room for improvement. We asked Morgan what is needed to advance Humboldt's sustainability practices. One of the main things

he mentioned was the need for a CSU system-wide sustainability policy so the Sustainability Office can guide and dictate its implementation. Currently, there is a draft of a CSU-wide sustainability policy in the works, but it has yet to be accepted by the board of trustees. Despite the lack of a structure, the sustainability office continues to implement retrofits and projects to reduce the school's consumption.

Morgan's goal is to put HSU on the path toward becoming a zero-waste campus. He is organizing a stakeholder meeting early next semester to gather buy-in from the campus and develop a strategic path for guiding a zero waste social marketing campaign. This will also help to identify what a zero waste campus looks like and how to get the campus community to participate in achieving the goal.

When asked what the most important component of sustainability at HSU was, Morgan responded with the idea of a campus culture that fosters the initiation and advancement of sustainable practices and choices. In order to make a large shift toward efficiency and conservation, there needs to be a culture of sustainability with the students, staff, and faculty. Students should be exposed to these concepts both inside and outside of the classroom throughout their tenure at HSU. One way to encourage sustainable living is to reach out to freshmen with information and activities that stress the importance of reducing their impact on the planet. Opportunities such as the Green Room Certification and the

Humboldt Energy Independence Fund help make HSU a living laboratory for these practices. However, no amount of encouragement can force an idea on anyone. The people at Humboldt eventually must choose for themselves whether conserving resources is important. When they do make that choice, Morgan will be there with the infrastructure and outreach to support their decision.

Information for campus sustainability programs

Intern with the sustainability office:

www.humboldt.edu/sustainability/internships

Waste Diversion Program:

www.humboldt.edu/sustainability/recycling

Green Room Certification:

www.humboldt.edu/reslife/sustainability

Humboldt Energy

Independence Fund (HEIF):

www.humboldt.edu/heif/

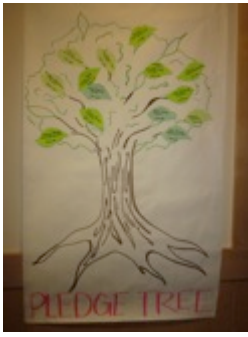
Waste Reduction and Resource Awareness Program (WRRAP):

www.humboldt.edu/wrrap/

Green Workplace Assessment

www.powersavehsu.com/green-workplace-assessment.html

Picture of the Month:



The GWA Ceremony Tree of pledges where individuals in the office committed to reduce their energy consumption.



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November Metrics

Green Workplace Assessment Ceremony: 12 people attended

Green Room Certification tabling: 37 people

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