



Spring 2013 Team

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and Brietta
Linney.



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Welcome to the June 2013 PowerSave Campus Newsletter. First and foremost, I would like to congratulate Adrienne Spitzer and Brietta Linney, Spring 2013 HSU graduates! We are excited to hear about their new endeavors after graduation and wish them the best.

This month, I am happy to announce John Lococo will be taking on Team Lead responsibilities next semester and a new Project Coordinator joined the team, former Powersave Campus for-credit intern, Rachael Londer.

In this issue, we highlight the Green Workplace Assessment and Certification Program award ceremony where the PowerSave Campus team celebrated 3 new certified offices. Proof that change occurs through collaboration and effort!

Other articles featured in this newsletter include information about the new Fall 2013 Semester therm-saving project and Campus Highlights, a quick recognition of amazing projects from fellow PowerSave Campuses.

I look forward to working on new projects in the Fall Semester and putting together the monthly newsletter for our great stakeholders, partners and readers.

As we take a moment to unwind, we hope everyone has a great Summer.

Enjoy!

Anais Rodriguez
Newsletter Editor



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Green Workplace Assessment and Certification Program Updates

By Jenna Bader

Faculty Checklist

This semester, we started the certification process for the Art Department (27 faculty members) and the Environmental Science Management Department (12 faculty members) with our brand new Faculty Checklist. We piloted the new checklist and will continue certifying these departments in the beginning of the Fall 2013 Semester.

Spring 2013 Award Ceremony

Since Fall 2011, we have certified 12 offices including our newest certified additions:

Office of the Vice President, Student Affairs (7 staff members) *Certified GOLD*

Upward Bound (3 staff members) *Certified GOLD*

Office of the Provost (10 staff members) *Certified GOLD*

Thank you to all who attended the award ceremony, we appreciate you and your daily commitments to sustainability!



ABOVE: GWA Award Ceremony attendees



ABOVE: Jenna Bader presenting

HEIF Grant Approved!

By Jenna Bader

The Humboldt Energy Independence Fund (HEIF) provides money for student-designed energy conservation, renewable energy, and energy education projects on campus. Approximately \$10 in student fees from every enrolled student goes to the HEIF and is overseen by the HEIF committee. In April 2013, the HEIF committee approved our Green Workplace Assessment and Certification Program grant proposal, written by Jenna Bader and John Lococo from the HSU PowerSave team. This funding will help GWA Certified offices pay for Energy Star Certified office equipment upgrades used on university property.

How to apply:

1. Contact us to get your office Green Workplace Certified
2. Identify inefficient or energy intensive office equipment and inform us when you plan to purchase new office equipment
3. We will help you find rebates and Energy Star equipment that fits your needs
4. We pay ½ the total cost of new equipment and your department pays the other ½

For more information contact Jenna Bader or John Lococo

Window Closing Campaign

By John Lococo

After hours of intensive brainstorming over how to tackle our new therms-saving protocol, PowerSave veteran Brietta Linney proposed the simple yet heroic idea of a “window closing campaign”. Since an energy-conscious faculty member informed us that windows are being left open overnight, we thought that if we could encourage students, faculty and staff to shut the classroom and office windows before leaving school, then we might be able to record a decrease in our University’s natural gas consumption. We immediately pitched the idea to a class on campus titled Environmental Communication and through collaborating efforts the “window closing campaign” was born.

The purpose of working with the Environmental Communication class was to mobilize a base group of supporters that would serve as the campaign’s public relations work group. Through a class assignment, this group produced a variety of communication products like radio PSAs, press releases, and visual prompts that will serve as the cornerstone of the campaign. These communication products will promote awareness of the campaign and help educate the campus community about window closing-efficiency.

The campaign, “Done with Class?, Shut the Glass!”, will pilot Fall 2013 semester in Harry Griffith Hall (HGH). It aims to encourage everyone in that building to close the classroom and office windows before leaving campus for the day.

Subsequently, the HGH heating system will function more efficiently as heated air will not escape from the windows on cold nights. Since the buildings heating system operates on natural gas, PowerSave members will work closely with the campus energy manager to monitor the buildings natural gas consumption. A statistical comparison before and after the start of the campaign, the building’s natural gas consumption, during the same period of previous years, we hope to report a significant decrease.

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I was hired as a for-credit intern in Spring 2009 and have been a Project Coordinator with PowerSave Campus since Summer 2009. I graduated this May with a Bachelors of Science in Environmental Science with an emphasis in Ecological Restoration. As a result of my time with this program I have a wealth of experience that I can apply to future careers, I have made some wonderful and lasting friendships, and I have been to 13 conferences as a representative of the HSU PowerSave Program. Working with PowerSave has been very rewarding and has helped me in my personal as well as professional life. I will truly miss working for PowerSave at HSU and will miss all the people the program has allowed me to connect with. I am so thankful for this opportunity and so proud of my team! I know you will all continue to do better the campus for years to come!



Adrienne Spitzer, Team Lead

ABOVE: At the Spring 2013 commencement ceremony



Brietta Linney, Newsletter Editor

ABOVE: In front of her home in Arcata



Looking back to the Fall 2010, I am so glad I chose to intern with the HSU [PowerSave] Green Campus team. I met one of the past Project Coordinators, Robin Ray, at my mom's Sonoma State graduation party over the summer. She told me how awesome the program was and that I should give it a try. People always tell you how important networking is, yawn... but seriously! It has landed me several jobs during my career at HSU and afterwards. Through attending the bi-annual Alliance to Save Energy Conferences and working with stakeholders on and off campus I have made so many professional connections that I otherwise would not have had the chance to make. I have also made personal connections, the PSC team is like my second family, and the friends I made through this program are some of my best friends. Another plus, I was able to work with my twin sister who was a Project Coordinator at UCSC. As I begin the next chapter of my life, I want to wish the HSU team luck with all their new projects. I have seen so much enthusiasm from the new team members; I know they will accomplish a lot of wonderful projects in the upcoming year. Keep up the good work!

MEET THE NEW PROJECT COORDINATOR

By Rachael Londer

After two semesters of being an intern with PowerSave Campus I feel honored to be chosen for the position of Project Coordinator. I am eager to use all the knowledge and experience I have gained in my previous semesters to implement water and energy conservation projects on campus. My favorite projects that I have worked on so far have been those where I get to interact with others in the campus community, such as the Water Awareness Month Photo Contest. It is rewarding to work with PowerSave Campus because I am deeply invested in our community and sustainability. I am double majoring in Environmental Science and Spanish at HSU and hope to continue working with organizations, such as PowerSave Campus, to promote conservation of our natural resources through education and outreach. I am excited to see everyone at the California Higher Education Sustainability Conference at the end of June and until then.....

LIGHTS OUT!

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT: University of Mississippi and Western Kentucky University

By Anais Rodriguez

University of Mississippi: Rebel Energy Challenge

PSC interns at the University of Mississippi hosted an energy challenge that spanned for 3 weeks to challenge individuals to lower their energy consumption. The residential hall with the lowest energy usage was awarded a hydration station! The University of Mississippi PSC team tracked participants involvement through surveys, games, pledges and of course overall energy reduction.

Western Kentucky University: Biology Energy Audits

Western Kentucky University PSC interns conducted Energy Audits in the Biology Department to pilot a project they hope will expand to the rest of the campus. They assessed the energy usage of the Biology Department and recommended energy saving tips from the results. We hope to hear more about this project, as it grows in the future, best of luck!

Check out what other schools are doing: <http://issuu.com/powersavecampus>

Picture of the Month:



Jenna Bader hands a Gold Certificate to Lura Holtkamp, Sustainability Champion for the Provost Office



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June Metrics

681

Remote Interactions

25

Direct Interactions

1

Outreach Event



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