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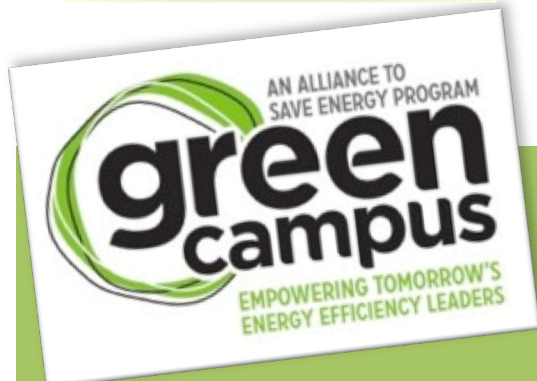
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March is: Water Awareness Month

By: Brietta Linney

March 22, 2012 is World Water Day and the 40th anniversary of the Clean Water Act. To celebrate, the Green Campus Program has planned several activities to educate the campus community about the importance of this valuable resource. We will bring organizations from the community to HSU quad from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on March 22 followed by a speaker panel at 6 p.m. in Science B 133. There will also be a water themed photo contest throughout the month. Continue reading for the details of Water Awareness Month!



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By: Adrienne Spitzer

March is Water Awareness Month!

Photo Contest: submit a water-themed photo to greencampushsu@gmail.com before March 26th. The top ten photos will be displayed in Green Campus' HSU library display for a week in April. The top ten photos winners will also receive a Green Campus t-shirt and the top three photo winners will get an awesome gift bag of prizes! The contest is open to all HSU students, faculty, and staff so tell your friends and co-workers!

Water Speaker Panel: On March 22 at 6 p.m. in Science B 133, join Green Campus for an informative and eye-opening speaker panel with local professionals. Each speaker will be presenting on a different topic related to water awareness and conservation and there will be a question and answer session at the end. Come learn about where your water comes from, the banning of bottled water on campus, and become more aware of this precious resource.

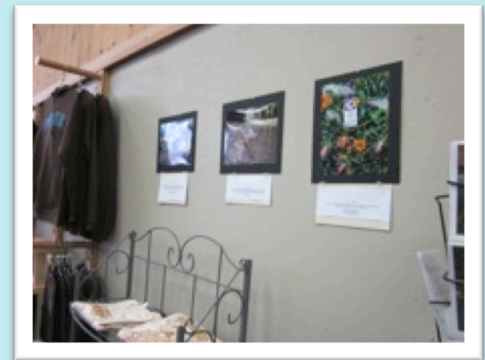


Photo contest winners
displayed at Arts!Arcata.
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Speakers include:

- Beth Werner from Humboldt BayKeeper will be enlightening the audience about the Clean Water Act.
- Andrew Stubblefield, Assistant Professor of Forestry & Wildland
- Representative from Blue Lake Rancheria

Water Awareness Festival: On March 22 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., Green Campus and numerous other clubs and local businesses will be holding a festival on the quad to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Clean Water Act. There will be an array of displays, workshops, and activities! Come learn about this precious resource from students and organizations working with water in our local areas.

Who will be there? Northcoast Environmental Center, Humboldt Baykeeper, Campus Center for Appropriate Technologies, Waste-Reduction and Resource Awareness Program, the Graduation Pledge, Watershed Stewards Project, and more!

Want more information?? Click [HERE](#) to see the website!

Join our Facebook Group: "Humboldt State Green Campus"

Concluding Campus Conservation Nationals

By: Max Tanti

Humboldt State's participation in Campus Conservation Nationals (CCN) 2012 has officially ended. The national residence hall energy competition started on February 5th and finished on the 24th. Students are subjected to a constant stream of events and information living on campus, and we were pleased many made the choice to participate in the competition by reducing their energy consumption. During the competition, HSU residences saved a total of 11,846 kWh of energy, saved \$1,540 for the school, and prevented 8,292 lbs. of CO₂ from being emitted into the atmosphere. The winning residence hall at HSU was Shasta, which saved 280 kWh, with a 3.8% energy reduction. The Madrone residence hall came in a close second, saving 118 kWh and also reducing their consumption by 3.8%. To see more detailed results visit <http://www.hsugreencampus.com> and click on the link to the CCN Dashboard.

Though the results of energy competitions seem temporary, previous competitions have shown that energy savings are maintained. From this, we can hope that HSU residences will continue to conserve. Check out our website for more energy saving information.

2012 Energy Efficiency Summit

By: Jenna Bader

The annual Green Campus Energy Efficiency Summit was held at the beautiful UC Berkeley campus from January 28-30, 2012. This was a great opportunity to meet the campus leads from our new expansion sector of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) campuses. Over the weekend, we attended seminars and workshops to improve our understanding of energy efficiency. The breakout activities, which assigned all participants into small groups to strategize about a certain scenario was a highlight of my weekend. One breakout activity was designing a project implementation plan. My group decided to make an energy efficiency treasure hunt for the incoming freshmen orientation. It was a pleasure working with my group, and I'm sure I could speak for us all by saying we got some excellent ideas that we're excited to implement on our individual campuses.



Left to right: Adrienne Spitzer, Jenna Bader, TC Comet, Brietta Linney, and Max Tanti at the Energy Efficiency Summit, 2012

Another highlight from the weekend was the Green Career Panel. The speaker panel was an outstanding collection of four individuals: Linh-Chi Hua -Program Manager, San Diego Gas and Electric, Cassandra Quaintance -Director, University Partnerships for Schneider Electric, Cyan Dandridge -Executive Director, Strategic Energy Innovations, and Jim Kelsey -Founding Principal, kW Engineering. As an audience member, I gained insight about interviews and how to get an edge on the interview process.

Some helpful tips:

1. Be prepared with questions for your employer about the job you're applying for, they appreciate it!
2. First impressions are huge to employers; it's their chance to match you with your resume. Dress appropriately; be mindful of your actions.
3. Have a portfolio of work you've done in the past, majority of employers would rather see the results than hear you talk about it.
4. Think about relevant accomplishments you are most proud of, find a way to integrate it into the interview.
5. Let them see your passion and don't be afraid to shine.

Welcome: Spring 2012 Interns

TRAVIS WENTWORTH

While working for many years in the construction industry I saw first hand the unsustainable practices and needless waste that came with it. I had a good job, a successful business and a considerably comfortable lifestyle, but a deep feeling that I was only contributing to these problems abruptly made me take action. On a hot summer day I finally decided I was going to close my business, quit my job, enroll in a local community college and go back to school. At first I had no idea what I wanted to learn, but as I accelerated through the math, chemistry and science courses I quickly realized that engineering and sustainable resources interested me most. It's been 3 majors, six years, and 150 units later, but I have to say that despite the hard work and sacrifice I am pleased with my initial decision. I'm now in my second semester in the ERE program at HSU set to graduate in 2014. I've been involved with multiple volunteering projects and internships; and I'm now proud to be apart of the Green Campus Program. When I saw their booth at the job fair I knew it was the right organization for me and I'm excited for the projects we have in progress for the spring semester. I look forward to doing whatever I can to make Humboldt State a more energy



RACHAEL LONDER

The redwoods, ocean, and immense biodiversity are what make Humboldt County a unique place to live and study. These are the reasons I came to Humboldt State to double major in Environmental Science and Spanish. I aspire to be an Environmental Justice Lawyer one day, and use everything I have learned at HSU. From Spanish conversations to the legal process, I want to ensure that the environment and people are treated equitably and kindly. It is important for me to be involved in the community, because that is where changes begin. I feel privileged to be one of the newest members of the HSU Green Campus team, because I love our school and I know how important our newest green campus projects are in order to create a more energy efficient university. Through the HSU Green Campus Program, I am able to outreach to my peers and the campus stakeholders to encourage sustainable energy and water practices that will help preserve the redwood coast's ecosystems for years to come. I look forward to participating in all of HSU Green Campus Program's initiatives to not only augment the way our school uses resources, but to make a bigger impact on Humboldt County as a whole.



Metrics for December

2 new for-credit interns for Spring 2012

60 people are a part of our Facebook group

We distributed 8 power strips to on-campus residents

13 Organizations participated in "Greening the Career Fair and Volunteer Expo"



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