

# Green Campus Newsletter

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## New Intern: Brandon Regennitter

By: Brandon Regennitter

**Brandon**, who is joining the HSU Green Campus team this semester, studies Environmental Science with a focus on Energy and Climate here at HSU. He is originally from San Francisco/Bay Area.

As a Green Campus Intern I will be helping to promote sustainable workplace practices through the Green Workplace Assessment and certification program. For example, turning off power strips when they are not in use! This program aims to assess and evaluate workplaces within the Humboldt State community. Additionally, I will also be helping to create idea proposals for the Humboldt Energy Independence Fund (HEIF) in order to reduce HSU's energy usage. I am looking forward to being a Green Campus for-credit intern this upcoming semester and to working on something relevant to my field of study here at Humboldt State University.



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# GCP Educates New Campus Residents

**By: Adrienne Spitzer**

HSU Housing asked the Green Campus Program (GCP) to help educate incoming residents about energy and water conservation in the residence halls during their big move-in day on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Housing services provided the GCP with hundreds of Compact Florescent Lights (CFLs) to hand out to residents free of charge. With every CFL the GCP Project Coordinators (PCs) handed out, they made sure to educate residents on the efficiency of CFLs over incandescent bulbs and the fact that CFLs cannot be thrown in the trash because they are considered hazardous waste. Luckily, Housing and Dining has their very own recycling program on the second floor of the Jolly Giant Commons where residents can turn in their burned out or broken CFLs to be recycled properly. This service is offered at the Housing desk on the second floor. The GCP also purchased 60 power strips which they gave away free of charge as long as each resident who received one signed a pledge saying they would **“Plug appliances into power strips and turn them off when not in use.”** Residents were very excited to be receiving free energy saving devices for their dorm rooms and willingly signed the pledge to combat phantom loads from their appliances! Sharing a table with the GCP were two interns from the Waste Reduction and Resource Awareness Program (WRRAP), Sarah Niznik and Leticia Smith. They too were spreading the word about how WRRAP is making the campus more sustainable, and offering free goodies to incoming students. WRRAP was giving away clothes hangers they collected from residents last year, recycled binders, pens, buttons, and more! It was great to have two student-led sustainability groups collaborate on educating HSU’s newest students on what they can do to make a difference on campus and beyond!

*Check out our website now at [www.hsugreencampus.com](http://www.hsugreencampus.com)*

## Are you a resident?

### KNOW SOME FACTS ABOUT CFL'S:

- ✓ CFLs use  $\frac{1}{4}$  *th* the energy of an incandescent and last up to **10 times longer!**
- ✓ Incandescent bulbs waste up to **90%** of the electricity they consume as heat
- ✓ Make sure to: **Recycle bulbs 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of JGC at the housing desk**

Did you receive a power strip?

**\*\*Remember to...  
TURN IT OFF WHEN NOT IN USE**



Devin Frederickson and Jenna Bader talk to a student about interning with Green Campus

## HSU Part-Time Job Fair

By: Brietta Linney

HSU Green Campus tabled a second time this month (and there's still more to come!) at the Career Center's Part-time Job fair on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011. We mainly told people about our for-credit internships for fall 2011. If you missed our last newsletter, here is a recap of the

internships. HSU Green Campus has re-done their internship program and now offering **five** different positions!

- Tabling/Club's Office intern (2 people): interns are responsible for checking in at the club's office to make sure GC is signed up for all relevant upcoming events. Will also be helping to make a new tabling "set up".
- Green Workplace Assessment/HEIF Grant Intern: This intern will be working with Devin Frederickson and Max Tanti to implement energy saving projects on campus. Intern will learn skills necessary to audit faculty offices.
- Classroom Presentation/Public Relations Intern: This intern will be responsible for creating 5-10 minute presentations to classes. They will also help with public relations and organizing GC events.
- Website Maintenance Intern: One of the most important positions! Help us get up-to-date on our website, Facebook, and twitter. This intern will be responsible for maintaining our website and updating weekly. Previous experience is not required but will be greatly appreciated!



**October is Energy Awareness Month!!**

**Stay tuned during October because Green Campus has lots of events planned:**

- **Win sustainable stuff!**
- **Free food event (TBA)**
- **Library display October 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**
- **And MORE!**



# Green Workforce Assessment

**By: Devin Frederickson**

**We** here at Green Campus are proud to announce the successful completion of our first participant in the Green Workplace Assessment and Certification Program (GWACP)! The Student Health Center was happy to offer their building as the pilot office for this program to test out the kinks and snags of the GWACP.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the GWACP, this program is designed to teach and raise awareness of the Humboldt State community body regarding energy efficiency and sustainable practices that can be implemented in their offices. We aim to create a balance between the work and natural environment through energy improvements and new behaviors. Our mission is to motivate campus members to initiate innovative solutions to reduce our energy consumption. There are 7 specific areas where a workplace can implement sustainable practices to reduce their carbon footprint. These areas are energy, water conservation, recycling & waste management, purchasing, transportation, community involvement, and creative & innovation options.

Each participating office is assessed on these 7 areas and can score a minimum of 25 points to achieve the level “Green Workplace Certified”. The Student Health Center scored a total of 48 points and this awards them the “Green Workplace Certified Bronze” level. A highlight from their score was that they scored every point in the Community Involvement section. Please visit the Student Health Center to see how they are being sustainable!

The next step for the GWACP is to begin assessing and certifying other offices. We are in communication with Steve Martin, chair of the Environmental Science department, and plan on assessing their office next. This time around, we will have a larger team of highly motivated interns devoted to helping the GWACP spread across campus.

**If you are interested in participating in the Green Workplace Assessment and Certification program, contact our team at [greencampushsu@gmail.com](mailto:greencampushsu@gmail.com) to set up an initial appointment and office walkthrough. We look forward to spreading the word about your sustainable practices to the HSU community!**





### Metrics for August

#### Move-in Tabling Event

Residents signed 50 pledges

#### Part-time Job Fair

We got 66 email sign-ups and talked to over 200 people

#### Class

#### Presentations

We reached 383 students during class announcements



"The Alliance to Save Energy's Green Campus Program is funded by the ratepayers of California under the auspices of SCE, PG&E, and Southern California Gas Company."

## Getting the word out with... Class Presentations!

Adrienne Spitzer and Brietta Linney visited three entry-level classes during the first week of school to announce the available intern positions at GCP. Thanks to Mihai Tomescu, Jeff Dunk, and Alison O'Dowd for letting Green Campus make these announcements!



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