

Green Pastures



Green Campus interns take a break during the Earth Week Tabling Event at University Park on April 21, 2009.

Cal Poly Pomona Green Campus Program



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NEWS FLASH!

Two new interns have joined the team. Find out more about their interests and goals on page 2.

Earth Week Tabling Events

by Elaine Dulay

On April 21st and 23rd, the Green Campus Program participated in two tabling events to celebrate Earth Week. On April 21st, during the hours of 11am to 2pm, Cal Poly Pomona Green Campus interns held a tabling event at the University Park alongside various college organizations and local vendors to promote sustainability and environmental awareness. A performance by the band "Steel Parade" also took place that day to entertain the crowd. Green Campus interns displayed lamps connected to watt meters to show the difference in energy usage between a compact fluorescent and incandescent bulb. The interns also held a phantom load-themed trivia game for students and faculty/staff that approached the table. Phantom loads are the small amount of energy used when appliances remain plugged in but are turned off. 5% of the electricity used in the U.S. is from phantom loads. That amounts to a total of about \$4 billion dollars a year! Winners were given green plastic water bottles (imprinted on the bottles: "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle") as an incentive for reusing water bottles, instead of purchasing bottled water. Other prizes included power strips, and notebooks. The trivia game was especially useful because it helped inform people about phantom loads and also gave them tips for reducing them. On April 23rd, from 11:30-1pm, Green Campus held

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New Interns

Andrew Coyne

Urban and Regional Planning- 3rd Year



The environmental issues we face today are numerous, demanding new and creative ideas to be resolved. I see my position as a program coordinator at Green Campus as preparation for a career that will challenge the status quo when it comes to energy-usage and the stewardship of our environment. I am an enthusiastic and persevering personality who is driven to

increase my knowledge and develop my talents and skills in many areas. Some of my hobbies include: reading, singing, playing my French Horn, gardening, baseball, and home-improvement, including making my home more energy efficient! My studies in the Undergraduate Urban and Regional Planning Program at Cal Poly Pomona wonderfully complement my work at Green Campus. It is my hope that in the near future, the various departments and colleges of the university will collaborate with Green Campus to develop innovative projects that will either save energy or increase awareness of the importance of energy conservation. I believe that the most realistic means to changing society, more so than even broad policy initiatives, is in changing the everyday behaviors and values of individuals. I am excited to be a part of an organization that seeks to accomplish just that!

Sustainability Conference in June

The 8th Annual UC, CSU, CCC Sustainability Conference is coming up in June. This year's event will be held at UC Santa Barbara from June 21-24. The interns are extremely thrilled to be able to attend this conference and are anxiously looking forward to the event! Last year, the conference at Cal Poly SLO was very beneficial to the team. It pumped them up for the upcoming year with new project ideas and enthusiasm! This year will also be a priceless opportunity to learn, network, and meet top professionals of the green industry! Green Campus interns from all over the state will also attend the End-of-Year meeting on June 21st, put on by the Alliance to Save Energy.

Shannon Nowell

Landscape Architecture- 3rd Year

Native to San Diego, Shannon joins the Green Campus team from the College of Environmental Design as a Landscape Architecture major and Regenerative Studies minor. She spent time in the United States Army after high school, but then moved on to audio engineering. She worked at various Hollywood recording studios, studied music at Long Beach State, and then worked at Roland Corporation doing web tutorials and product support. A love of the outdoors, technology, and design led her down the path to Land Design. In her spare time she plays ice hockey, guitar, and enjoys cooking.



First Stakeholder Advisory Meeting!

Green Campus interns will be hosting its 1st Stakeholder Advisory meeting on May 21st from 1:30-3:00pm in the Heritage conference room in the CLA. The Interns will introduce the full team, present past and current projects, and facilitate a brainstorm session about potential collaborative energy efficiency projects. The brainstorm session will give faculty and staff the opportunity to share their ideas and campus goals toward a more energy efficient campus. This meeting will be a great opportunity for current stakeholders to meet with the interns and to network with other staff members. The project ideas that will be discussed during this meeting will be helpful to the interns in creating a scope of work action plan for new projects they will take on and implement throughout the school
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Did you

In the average household, 75% of the electricity used to power home electronics is consumed while the products are turned off. The only way to stop that is to unplug the device!
(Source: energy.gov)

Know?

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Metrics

PROJECT:

Earth Week Tabling Event
Approx. 129 people stopped by the table
68 CFL's exchanged: 5,467kWh

TOTAL ENERGY SAVINGS

(March 2008 to April 2009):

407,544 kWh and \$57,056

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another tabling event with Housing Services on the lawn near Los Olivos Dining Commons. The interns set-up the same watt meter demonstration and phantom load trivia game as their event earlier in the week. Approximately 29 people stopped by the table and participated in the phantom trivia game.

Cal Poly Pomona student residents and housing staff were pleased to see the campus community come out and share information about the importance of energy efficiency. Over the two days, Green Campus interns met many new students and faculty/staff, and this gave them the opportunity to inform the campus community about program goals, how to be more energy efficient, and how they plan to continue to reach out to others by getting them involved with upcoming projects.

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year. Green Campus interns are looking forward to seeing new and familiar faces at this meeting, and discuss opportunities for projects in the next academic year.



GC intern Andrew Coyne during a table event with University Housing Services.



Stay tuned! Green Campus will conduct their first Green Space sustainability audit on May 14th in the energy department within Planning and Facilities Management. This will be a pilot program for future campus audits and has a potential of reaping measurable energy savings and preventing greenhouse gas emissions.

Sustainability Pledge

A new green social change is on the verge! Green Campus will soon be implementing its first sustainability pledge titled "Green Steps". This pledge will allow students, faculty, and staff to take an active role in reducing their carbon footprint and supporting Cal Poly Pomona's Climate Commitment.



Students who participated in and won the phantom trivia game. From Left, Nicole Kaloshian, Glori Passi, Alexandra DeNatale.



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