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**1.8 million**

1L bottles of water saved

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# CAMPUS CONSERVATION NATIONALS



By Arpy Kasparian

Every year, campuses across the nation compete to reduce energy and water usage in buildings. This competition is known as Campus Conservation Nationals, or for short, CCN. The school with the greatest percent reduction in energy and water use on campus will be crowned the winner of CCN! Percent reductions are based on baseline readings that are taken a few weeks prior to competition and then normal readings are taken on a weekly schedule during competition. This year, Cal Poly Pomona will be joining the CSU League and will compete head to head with the UC League. All 6 residence halls (Palmitas, Cedritos, Encinitas, Montecito, Alamitos, and Aliso) will team up to represent Cal Poly Pomona and compete against each other for the title of CCN Champion. Encinitas took that title last year... can they keep it?

Do you want to help your resident hall win? Join an Eco-Team! Cal Poly Pomona's PowerSave Campus is looking for a few dedicated residents from each hall to form a team. The team will be tasked to come up with ways to promote energy and water savings in their buildings.

Don't live in a hall, but still want to help? Join the Eco-Group! The Eco-Group will consist of a handful of dedicated students that will collectively provide the Eco-Teams with project ideas, marketing materials, and anything else they can think of!

This is a great opportunity to gain some project coordination and leadership experience as well as learn new technical skills, make new friends, and have a blast! There are plenty of opportunities to win cool prizes like movie tickets and Starbucks gift cards. Eco-Teams and the Eco-Group will meet once a week to share their progress and keep the competition spirit alive. The 3 week competition will be taking place from February 16th, 2015 to March 8th, 2015.

If you are interested in participating please contact Arpy Kasparian at [arpykasparian@gmail.com](mailto:arpykasparian@gmail.com) or send us a message on Facebook. Be on the lookout for our mascot, Penny the Penguin, and do your part to reduce!

# POWERSAVE CAMPUS IS HIRING!

By Lynae Salgado

Do you have an interest in sustainability? Do you have the ability to work independently and with a team? Do you have experience using Excel? Do you have experience working with the Residential Halls and Suites? If you answered yes to any of these questions and you are a currently enrolled CPP student, then we encourage you to apply for the position of Project Coordinator. This is a paid internship position to work on a range of projects that focus on potential and actual energy savings, green workforce development, educational outreach and academic infusion. This is a fantastic opportunity to work with campus facilities staff, faculty, administration and other clubs and organizations to make a positive change on campus.

In addition, you have the opportunity to attend two sustainability-focused conferences every year where you can network with other passionate students and professionals in the work field. To apply, email your resume and cover letter (in a single attachment) to [greencampus.cpp@gmail.com](mailto:greencampus.cpp@gmail.com).

## ZERO WASTE BASKETBALL GAMES

By Jomel Bautista

Cal Poly Pomona Athletics and The Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies have partnered to make big strides to achieve "Zero Waste" at the campus' basketball games.

What is Zero Waste? As defined by the Zero Waste International Alliance, Zero Waste is a "goal that is ethical, economical, efficient, and visionary, to guide people in changing their lifestyles and practices to emulate sustainable natural cycles, where all discarded materials are designed to become resources for others to use." For example, this process would make it possible to conserve and recover all resources without the need of having to burn or bury them. By doing so, populations would be able to completely eliminate all discharges to land, water or air that are a threat to the planet, humans, animals, and planet health.

The partnership between the two Cal Poly Pomona groups has high hopes of making all home basketball games sustainable. However, this will not be an easy task considering that 90% of the materials generated at an event must be transformed with the use of recycling or composting.

Initially, the effort consisted of handsorting the waste. This was a difficult and long task. Next, labels were placed on bins to help the effort and "goalies", who were trained individuals to educate guests where their trash belonged, floated around the arena to make sure the trash was properly sorted.

So far, the team has made a lot of effort and only continues to build upon their existing program and eventually hopes to branch out to other campus events.



# FAREWELL RYAN

By Brandon Sauer

This month, the PowerSave Campus team says goodbye to one of our beloved interns, Ryan Goff. Ryan had been a member of the team since November 2013 and was the leading intern on our Green Rooms project, for which he hammered out many logistical details and communicated with numerous stakeholders involved in CPP's University Housing Services. When Ryan initially approached the PowerSave Campus program about becoming an intern, he proposed the basic framework for what eventually became the Shower Timer Installations that were performed in the residence halls last year.

As an engineer and a math whiz, Ryan also dedicated many hours to collaborating with Facilities Management on collecting meter data for water and energy in the Halls and Suites. Much of this data led to huge strides on projects such as Campus Conservation Nationals, Mega Energy Competitions, and Showerhead Retrofits in the Halls.

Though we are sad to see him go, the team would like to wish Ryan the best of luck with his future endeavors. We hope that the experience he has gained throughout his time in the program will provide him with a continued interest in sustainability efforts.

# SUMMIT 2015: ENERGY ROUNDUP

By Jomel Bautista

The 2015 PowerSave Campus Energy Efficiency Summit will be taking place on February 7th through February 9th. Cal Poly Pomona is excited to host the 11th annual conference for a weekend packed with training and networking opportunities for the program's interns and stakeholders.

The attendees from the 16 California State and University of California campuses will gather for one common goal of empowering students to be energy efficiency leaders. The agenda for the event consists of presentations of unique and innovative best practices in energy efficiency projects on college campuses, structured campus planning and networking sessions, a student poster exhibit, and more.

The Cal Poly Pomona campus will specifically offer its attendees an experience in the historic Kellogg West Hotel and Conference Center as well as glimpses of on-campus facilities including the Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies and the Bronco Intramural Recreation Center (BRIC).

Last year's conference (below) was successful and we hope to host yet another great Summit!



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