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# THE GREEN INSIDER







# BIKE WEEK & SCE SPRINTER EVENT

BY RYAN GOFF

The month of May received the sustainability treatment at Cal Poly with various events focusing on greening the campus like the Lyle Center 20th anniversary party and the Southern California Edison Sprinter event.

During the week of May 11th, Bike week took place encouraging students to ride their bikes around campus and to use them instead of their cars. Benefits such as breakfast and a bike in movie were provided to students who utilized their bikes around campus during the week.

On the fourth day of bike week, the PowerSave team assisted Southern California Edison with their energy saving informational booth complete with a Sprinter van, Globe costume, and generator bike. The team went around securing pledges from bystanders and helped pass out the free goodies for signing the pledge and their large banner.

The SCE Sprinter team also had their generator bike which was hooked up to a light bulb display box that showed students how much they had to peddle in order to power certain types of bulbs, ranging from LED to halogens and incandescents.

All in all, Bike week ended up being very successful and furthered the sustainability efforts on campus, bringing lots of attention to the matter.

The SCE Sprinter event was also very successful and managed to reach a lot of students and educate them on sustainability in the small time frame that they were on campus.



# THE GREEN INITIATIVE FUND

**Need funding for your campus sustainability project?**  
**Want to know what projects have been funded by TGIF?**  
**Want to serve on a committee that awards sustainability grants?**  
**Need a student internship that will provide you with green job skills?**  
**Want to learn more about CPP's campus sustainability efforts?**  
**Need information regarding starting a green fund at your institution?**

BY BRANDON SAUER

In a Fall edition of the Green Insider, we wrote about the possibility of starting The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) at Cal Poly Pomona. With a huge push from ASI Secretary of Sustainability, Michael Adams, TGIF was fully approved by the ASI Senate on May 22nd, 2014. According to the bylaws of the fund, "the goal of [TGIF] is to enable and empower Cal Poly Pomona students to take an active role in making CPP a leader in sustainability [and] will provide funding for multi-disciplinary projects that promote environmental awareness and increase sustainability on campus".

In the past, one of the greatest hurdles in implementing campus-wide projects has been the lack of available funding -- not only for PowerSave Campus, but for sustainable clubs throughout campus. With TGIF, students will now have the resources necessary to implement these crucial projects that will help them gain personal experience with project development that they can later take into the workforce. PowerSave Campus hopes to apply for funding later in 2014 to perform projects such as a low-flow showerhead retrofit, lighting audits, faucet aerator retrofit, or an Energy Star refrigerator replacement program for offices.

Cal Poly Pomona is not the first university in California to implement a fund such as TGIF. UCLA, UC Irvine, Humboldt State, and Chico State are among the various California Universities who have begun this call for student-led sustainability projects. The introduction of TGIF at Cal Poly Pomona rings in a new era for sustainability on our campus, and with the California system's increasing demand for environmental awareness and excellence, it is our hope to encourage other universities throughout the state and the nation to create an initiative of their own.





# CAREER CENTER ACHIEVES PLATINUM CERTIFICATION

BY LYNÆ SALGADO

Last quarter in April, the interns performed an audit in the Career Center to achieve Platinum Certified in the Green Space Program. With the help of Green Delegate Dawn Finely, the Career Center achieved Green Certified in 2012. While performing the audit, the interns saw the ongoing efforts to keep the office sustainable.

The staff works together to make sure spaces that aren't used often, have lights and other devices off. Staff is also used to turning their office light off when they leave to lunch or if they will be away for more than 15 minutes. The interns looked at the usage of different devices such as computers and the various task lighting. We asked Dawn questions about how each space is used and their strategies on saving energy in their office. The Platinum Certification process focuses on energy savings showing faculty ways in which they can save more energy in their offices by finding out which devices are using a lot of energy.

Congratulations again to the Career Center for their continuous efforts on maintaining a sustainable office at Cal Poly Pomona.

If you would like your office to become Platinum Certified, please contact us at [greencampus.cpp@gmail.com](mailto:greencampus.cpp@gmail.com). If you would like to learn more, go to our Green Space Program page at <http://powersavecampuscpp.weebly.com/green-space.html>.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY LYLE CENTER

BY ARPY KASPARIAN

Happiest of birthdays to The John T. Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies! It's been 20 years since the center opened its doors to the pursuit of sustainability on Cal Poly Pomona's campus and in the local community.

The Lyle Center celebrated with a festival featuring a variety of sustainability-focused clubs and organizations, displays of projects graduate students had completed in the past, activities for kids, and food! Executive chef at Los Olivos Dining, Arnold Zavalza, prepared yummy dishes that used food grown at the center. The festival had live music, dancing, documentaries, and of course...PowerSave Campus!

We joined in on the festivities with our intriguing lighting display and irresistible blender bike! We even got Dr. Kyle Brown, the director of the Lyle Center, to bike his way to a delightful fruit smoothie.

The center has played such an important role in pushing for environmental sustainability for our campus and our community through its research, its Regenerative Studies masters program, its community outreach activities, and, most importantly, through example and demonstration. The PowerSave campus team had such a wonderful time at the center and we encourage all students to take the time to explore its magic.



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