

# Green Pastures



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## Ready, Set, Mark Your Calendars- ENV Career Day is April 22nd

By Shannon Nowell

Every year the Department of Environmental Design hosts ENV Career Day as a fundraiser event for its clubs and student organizations. It is a forum where professional firms come out and interview Cal Poly Pomona students within the majors of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning, Art and Graphic Design. It is open to undergraduate students and graduate students alike.

This year, Green Campus will be hosting a "Green Jobs" career panel during the fair to educate the students on the opportunities available in green industries. This will occur during the lunch hour of ENV Career Day and will be moderated by CPP Green Campus interns. Our own campus lead, Wen Lee, will be one of the panelists! Everyone is welcome to this event even if one is not signed up to interview with any firms. There will be a carne asada lunch hosted

### NEWS FLASH!

**Green Campus is Hiring!**

Visit our website for details:  
[www.GreenCampusCPP.org](http://www.GreenCampusCPP.org)

by the Student Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (SCASLA). Come by for some great food and the opportunity to ask questions to active professionals in the green career field.

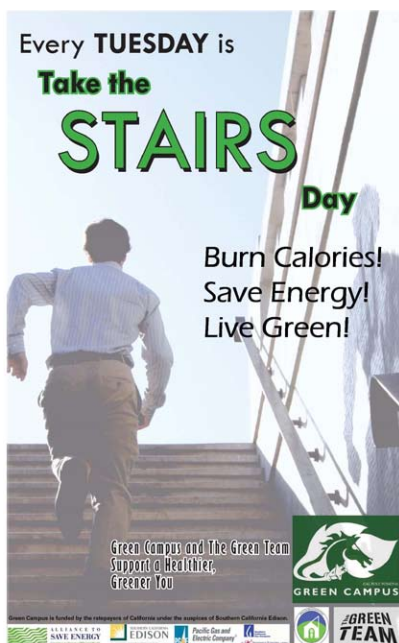
Additionally, Green Campus will be one of the firms in attendance who will be conducting interviews. We are hiring! Two Green Campus intern positions are available beginning in late April. The Green Campus internship is a unique opportunity to obtain hands-on experience with energy efficiency projects, while making a real impact on campus.

To apply please stop by our ENV Career Day table, or send a resume, cover letter, and a 2-page writing sample to Wen Lee at [WLee@ase.org](mailto:WLee@ase.org).

## Make the Choice to Take the Stairs

By Elaine Dulay

In March 2009, Green Campus internsheldthefirst Take the Stairs Day at the University Library. Based on its success, interns have decided to bring back Take the Stairs Day – this time on a weekly basis. Every Tuesday will be dedicated to taking the stairs, promoting a healthy lifestyle and less dependence on elevators. The Green Team and Green Campus interns are collaborating on this campaign in order to support each other's goals of sustainability and energy efficiency. The interns plan to display posters throughout the



busiest buildings on campus, including the Bronco Student Center, University Library, and the campus parking structure. The campaign will launch during the 4th week of spring quarter. Green Campus wants to take the right steps to promote energy efficiency campus-wide while incorporating health through an easy, no cost approach by taking the stairs.

## Green Campus Website gets a Facelift!

By Brandon Ro



The CPP Green Campus website has been improving its pages to become more user-friendly to visitors. During the Green Campus Stakeholder Advisory Meeting in late February, interns and stakeholders agreed that while campus project savings are documented in Green Campus newsletters every month, more people need to know about them. It was decided that the website would be a great way to further broadcast these impressive numbers. As a result, in March a new "Campus Savings" page was

### Green Word of the Day!

**Bagasse:** The crushed stalk left over from sugar cane processing. Pronounced "buh-gas." Once a waste product, bagasse is now made into biodegradable disposable tableware such as plates, bowls, take-out containers and trays. ([www.pageaday.com](http://www.pageaday.com))

unveiled on the Green Campus website. This page informs the campus community about the impact various Green Campus projects have made. Projects are listed by name and provide the associated savings for water, energy, money, and emissions. For example, did you know that Parking Structure Lighting Audit saves an annual \$29,000? Check out the "Campus Savings" page at:  
[www.greencampuscpp.org/campussavings.htm](http://www.greencampuscpp.org/campussavings.htm)

After three years, the "Green Pastures" newsletter archive longed for a facelift. To increase accessibility to information about past projects, events, etc., each monthly newsletter is now archived chronologically with topics covered in each issue. For those looking for a specific article, there is even a new articles section. Once again, Green Campus is helping to spread the news of campus sustainability! The newsletter archive may be accessed at:  
[www.greencampuscpp.org/newsletters.htm](http://www.greencampuscpp.org/newsletters.htm)

## CPP Green Campus Releases Their 1st Video!

By Shannon Nowell



As another important facet of the Sustainability Pledge, the newly released "Be Respected, Not Rejected!" energy video provides students with multiple examples of how they can incorporate energy efficiency and sustainable practices into their daily lives. The title is derived from the video's

perspective that it is "uncool" to waste energy and resources. Meet characters "Bobby Hog" and "Sustainable Susie" as the video shows Bobby's undesirable habits; and then, gives an example of a more sustainable approach to the same task. After only one week of being posted to our website, the energy video has acquired 130 viewings. Green Campus also plans to showcase this video around campus, including on the television screens in the Los Olivos Dining Commons. Check it out today!  
[www.greencampuscpp.org](http://www.greencampuscpp.org)

## Stakeholder Spotlight: Meaghan Smith

By Andrew Coyne

Green Campus is expanding its connections on campus. During January's stakeholder advisory meeting, we were able to renew our relationship with several campus stakeholders, and to initiate new relationships with others. One such new stakeholder was Meaghan Smith, the recently appointed sustainability manager of Facilities Planning and Management. Recently, Green Campus interns sat down with Meaghan to learn more about her, her new job, and what the possibilities are for collaboration with her.

Though new to this position, Meaghan is no stranger to Cal Poly Pomona or the CSU system. She received both her undergraduate degree in urban and regional planning (2002) and her master's degree in public administration (2006) from Cal Poly Pomona. When asked why she went into planning, she is quick to say that it was completely by accident, as she originally wanted to study architecture, but was not accepted into the impacted program. She soon discovered that the urban planning major, which originally had been her second choice, was actually a perfect fit. Planning, she says, gives her the opportunity to have greater control over the total



vision of a project, rather than just one limited aspect. After graduation, she worked as an associate planner for the CSU chancellor's office, a position not short on vision. Her work in the area of sustainability actually began there, when she helped craft the Program for Environmental Responsibility, the CSU system's version of LEED.

Meaghan's appointment as sustainability manager carries many responsibilities. She is tasked with the implementation of the Climate Action Plan just recently released, and she will be conducting a new greenhouse gas inventory of the university campus this summer. Meaghan's focus is primarily on the physical plant, which includes developing the campus master plan, planning the construction of new buildings, and the retrofitting of older ones. When asked how Cal Poly Pomona can best move toward sustainability, she says it is through building retrofits. As "sexy" as new building projects are, they involve a great deal of expense. Retrofitting older buildings, on the other hand, is much more cost effective and conserves resources. "Why demolish a building that has good bones and can be remodeled with the latest energy efficient technology?" she asks. With the continuing budget crunch throughout the CSU system, this is the sort of improvement we will be seeing more often. Just two years ago, building 3 was retrofitted; next on the drawing board are buildings 1 and 5, two of the oldest buildings on campus.

How can Green Campus collaborate with Meaghan and her campus sustainability efforts? To start, the interns are discussing with Meaghan how they can assist her in completing the greenhouse gas inventory this summer. This would be an exciting project for the team, as it will take skills they have honed from

previous building energy efficiency projects and expand them to a larger, campus-wide scale. It is also something that will prepare interns for work after graduation, where greenhouse gas inventories are increasingly becoming standard practice and a significant part of the energy field. As always, the life of a Green Campus intern is one of constant learning!

## Coming Soon: "Caught Green Handed"

Stay tuned for a new section in our newsletter and our website called "Caught Green Handed." Every month we will spotlight individuals or organizations on campus who have been going the extra mile in sustainability. If you or someone you know has been doing something worthy of recognition, please email us at [GreenCampus.CPP@gmail.com](mailto:GreenCampus.CPP@gmail.com)! All submissions will be entered into our monthly raffle for a prize!

NOTE: All submissions must include name of individual being spotlighted, college/organization, department/major and be 100 words or less.



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