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Events

Sustainability Alliance / GLEI Talk w/ Energy Expert Phil Farese

April 23, 11:30 am
Glennan 421
No lunch provided

[Cleveland Seed Bank Celebration](#)

THE PRINCETON REVIEW'S Guide to 353 **GREEN COLLEGES**



CWRU in Green Guide

Princeton Review Named Case Western Among Greenest Schools.

CWRU has been again named in The Princeton Review's sixth annual Green Guide. The University is listed as one of the 356 most environmentally responsible colleges of 2015. Case Western has been included in the guide each year it has been published. Learn more at the Office for Sustainability's [blog](#).

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Cleveland Public Library, Lorain Branch

[Doan Brook Stream Clean-up](#)

April 26, 1:00-4:00 pm

Rockefeller Park Gazebo

Bring your friends or family and join the CWRU Student Sustainability Council to help clean-up our watershed, Doan Brook through Rockefeller Park, on Sunday, April 26th from 1-4:00.

Students can sign-up to volunteer [here](#) or just meet at the Ugly Statue at 12:15pm or go directly to Rockefeller Lagoon Pavillion (on the corner of MLK and E 105th). Faculty and staff can

register to volunteer w/ the Doan Brook Watershed

Partnership [216-325-7781](tel:216-325-7781) or welling@doanbrookpartnership.org.

ResCycle

April 27 - May 18

Donate unwanted items from your res hall as you move out.



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Email

**Live Sustainable: Bring Your Own Mug!**

Try out this month's Live Sustainable challenge by greening your drink. Carrying your own coffee mug can save on plastic, cardboard, or styrofoam, and coffee spots on campus will even offer a discount for using it!

**In the News**

Check out this [article](#) about Cuyahoga County's new Clean Energy Financing Hub to give businesses the opportunity to obtain loans for energy efficiency investments for their buildings.

(Photo Credit to Lynn Ischay, The Plain Dealer)



Campus Conservation Nationals

CWRU is participating, for the first time, in a three-week national res hall energy competition to reduce electricity usage, [Campus Conservation Nationals](#).

The res halls have been split into three competition groups to compete for prizes and glory. The Village vs. The Northwest Halls vs. Southside. So far, Southside is running away with the cup having reduced usage over 10%.

Check-out the standings poster [here](#). You can also check standings weekly at buildingdashboard.net/case/.



RecycleMania 2015 Recap

The end of March marked the end of RecycleMania, the annual 8-week intercollegiate competition to see

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Why is it Important to Recycle Paper?

As the Spring semester comes to a close, our desks, backpacks, and work bags are filling up with papers. Syllabuses and class papers, work memos, at home we may receive the Sunday paper, or campus event flyers... Where does all this paper go? Every year, Americans throw 4.5 tons of office paper "away" in the garbage, and every Sunday, 500,000 trees are used to produce the 88% of newspapers that are not recycled. This unrecycled paper contributes to CO2 emissions and the masses of stuff collecting in landfills. Just one ton of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 4.6 cubic yards of landfill space, and 54 million Btu's of energy. Help CWRU in lessening our impact on the environment by recycling paper on campus and beyond!

When students are reading the most and recycling the best. This is the fifth year that CWRU has participated, while we are not the most competitive school, we have made significant strides. For this 8-week period, we:

- Increased our paper recycling by almost a pound per person, to 5.9 lbs/person.
- Increased our diversion rate to 16.8% - it was 11% in 2011! This does not accurately reflect our total University diversion rate since RecycleMania only measures certain streams. Our FY14 diversion rate was 22%, and still didn't include all of the streams we divert from the landfill.
- Overall reduced our greenhouse gas emissions by 233 metric tons of CO2 equivalent, or took 46 cars off the road.

Ultimately, we encourage everyone to celebrate recycling daily by using less and recycling the rest. Think BEYOND the landfill!

About Us

The **Office for Sustainability** is dedicated to creating sustainable change on campus by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving energy efficiency, promoting local food, recycling, and sustainable purchasing, as well as advocating for individual and institutional behavior change.

Questions/Feedback?

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Sustainable Cleveland 2019 Year of Clean Water

In Northeast Ohio, we are fortunate to have an abundance of clean water with Lake Erie and our many rivers and streams.

Sustainable Cleveland 2019 is celebrating these liquid resources in 2015 and there are lots of ways you can get involved.

Encourage organizations and your family to [pledge](#) to reduce bottled water at events,

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meetings and to not buy bottled water personally. Attend a [water related](#) event for a chance to win Cle related prizes or discover [more ways](#) you can make positive change for clean water in our region.



Big Green Event Awards

Students faculty and staff from CWRU's campus community came together at the Tink for CWRU's first annual Big Green Event. Twenty campus groups and several community guests gave attendees insight into their sustainability initiatives on campus and in the surrounding community with short "popcorn" powerpoint presentations. The Office for Sustainability recognized five CWRU Sustainability Champions & Climate Leaders. Congratulations to the following individuals:

- Dr. Karen Braun, Associate Professor of Accountancy, Weatherhead School of Management
- Mischelle Brown, Masters Student, MS in Positive Organization Development and Change (MPOD), CWRU Staff
- Steven Cramer, Undergraduate Student, Cognitive Science and Economics, Class 2015, Chair of the Student Sustainability Council
- Gene Matthews, Director of Facilities Services
- Kathy O'Linn, HR and Facilities Manager, FPB School of Nursing, Green Team Leader

Read-up on the champions [here](#).

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Thanks, So Long and Welcome!

Facilities services has had two notable retirements recently. **Dale Nenadal**, Electrical Supervisor for the past 35 years, finished out his tenure at the end of February. Dale officially retired October 1st after 47 years of service to the University, many of which were spent retro-fitting CWRU's lighting to more sustainable options. Friday, April 3rd, **Tom Bondra**, Project Manager for Facilities Services, shared his last lunch with his crew. Tom started with CWRU 38 years ago as a plumber, and is regarded as the "go-to" guy to get major facilities projects done. CWRU and the Office for Sustainability extends its heartfelt thanks and good wishes to them both! Read more about [Dale](#) and [Tom](#) in their Daily interviews.



Welcome back to CWRU **Erika Weliczko**, our new Energy Manager! Erika, a CWRU School of Engineering and Arts & Science alum is implementing a retro-commissioning strategy for the University to "tune-up" existing buildings, tracking utilities and finding efficiency opportunities. Erika is a stalwart sustainability champion and renewable and energy efficiency entrepreneur.

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Student Sustainability Jobs

Green Lab Auditing Team

CWRU has a new green lab certification program and audit checklist. We are gathering a team of student auditors to directly with labs, facilities services and the office for sustainability. As a member of a Green Lab Audit Team, members may be asked to perform any of the following tasks individually and collectively:

- Set up audit time with interested lab managers and/or principal investigators
- Perform site visit with Green Lab Audit team to campus laboratories to interview managers
- Record objective and subjective information according to investigation checklist
- Install data loggers as required, download data from loggers and perform analysis to describe trends
- Compile logged info with interview information
- Follow-up in a timely manner with audit recommendations and questions
- Determine potential for energy savings from audits if recommendations are followed
- Work with team to refine green lab checklist and follow-up protocol
- Must be available at least 10 hours/week

Skills, Experience, and Personal Qualities Needed:

- Successful completion of a science, engineering or laboratory course at CWRU
- Accountable participant on a team
- Good at making lists
- Excellent project follow-up
- Interest in implementing sustainability, energy efficiency, and recycling practices

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• Efficient and professional communication style

both in person and remotely

- Technically-oriented and project-focused

We need four students with immediate availability following finals, May-early August. We currently plan to start the program up again in September 2015. Email a few sentences about your interest and a resume to sustainability@case.edu asap.

Student Sustainability Ambassador

The CWRU Office for Sustainability is taking the 2014 pilot Student Climate Leaders into a yearlong program, kicking-off Fall 2015, now renamed Student Sustainability Ambassadors. If you are a CWRU undergraduate or graduate student passionate about sustainability, learning more about what CWRU is doing to lower our greenhouse gas emissions and interested in sharing with others how they can personally help, we hope you'll apply. If chosen for this program, you will participate in three informational training seminars early Fall semester, to learn more about sustainability and climate initiatives at CWRU, and then you will go out and deliver at least three 10-20 minute presentations each semester to your own CWRU network of classes, faculty/staff department meetings, student organizations, etc. Spring semester you'll be asked to lead a sustainability project. Student ambassadors who complete all of the program requirements will be provided a cash stipend each semester. To apply, send an email to sustainability@case.edu with the subject line "student sustainability ambassador application" with the following information: 1. Your name / 2. Your year in school / 3. Your major and minor / 4. Where you're from / 5. A short paragraph on why you are interested in becoming a Sustainability Ambassador, and why you think you would be a great fit for the position.

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Introducing CWRU's First Alternative Fuel Shuttle Bus

CWRU recently purchased a 32-passenger shuttle bus that runs on compressed natural gas (CNG), a clean, burning fuel optimal for dense urban environments where air pollution is a health and environmental concern. [Standard Parking](#) is operating the shuttle for CWRU. The main role of this vehicle is as a University Farm shuttle with a [weekly schedule](#). The shuttle is meant to provide students, faculty and staff with more access to the [University Farm](#) for research, volunteering and recreation.



Office for Sustainability Covered in Observer

Stephanie Corbett, CWRU Sustainability Director, was interviewed by the Observer about the Office for Sustainability's efforts on campus this spring. A story about changes in recycling collection, RecycleMania, Campus Conservation Nationals and our new Green Labs Program were [covered on March 20](#).

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University Hospital's Sustainability Report

University Hospitals recently released their [2013 annual progress report](#) on Sustainability. The UH sustainability team is great partner and has really been making moves!

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