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Save the Date:

- Green Campus will be playing a major role in Earth Day and Earth Week at UCI in April

Points of Interest:

- The Green Campus Program at UCI finished its Best Practice application and will be competing with many other organizations at the UC/CSU/CCC Sustainability Conference this summer
- Green Campus hired two new interns at the end of winter quarter—look in our next newsletter to find out who!

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UCI's Campus Village is "Going Green"

By Alyssa Penacho

The UCI Green Campus Program encouraged students to "go green" at the "Going Green" event in Campus Village on March 2nd.

The event was hosted by Veronica Azcarate, the Community Program Events Coordinator for Campus Village, to encourage CV residents to lead a more sustainable lifestyle. Campus Village is an on campus housing facility for transfer

students and upperclassmen. Twenty-one residents attended the event and multiple environmental organizations, including CalPIRG, Students for Sustainability, Sustainable Energy and Technology Club (SETC), and Green Campus participated in the event.

Each of the groups participated by telling the students about their organization and how to get involved, and gave the students tips on how to live more sustainably in order to combat global warming.

Green Campus gave students tips on saving energy and water, and passed out small prizes to students who correctly answered questions after the presentation. Two new students



Green Campus Interns Max Broad, Courtney Gill and Alyssa Penacho invite students to learn about saving energy on campus.

asked to be added to the club listserv! Attendees also enjoyed snacks, games, and artsy craft projects.

The event was a great way for Green Campus members to meet more students and get the message of saving energy in the dorms to a different demographic.



Max Broad and Alyssa Penacho check out what the Going Green Program has to offer.

De-Lighted Dining is Getting New Hours!

By Kong Sham

Spring has arrived, and that means the sun is out for a longer period throughout the day. With longer days, the Delighted Dining Project can extend the natural lighting schedule even later into the afternoon.

During Spring Quarter, Green Campus interns will go to the Pippin and Mesa

dining halls to take new data measurements—checking times when ambient sunlight provides sufficient lighting. The IES (Illuminating Engineering Society) standards determined that there necessarily be at least 20 foot candles (fcs) in order for a person to eat comfortably indoors. As long as the ambient sunlight meets this minimum, the artificial lights can be kept off.

Once the new light readings are taken, a new schedule can be made and more energy can be saved during these longer hours of sunlight. Every kilowatt-hour saved is equivalent to \$0.12 and 1 less pound of CO₂ released into the atmosphere.

Be sure to look for our De-Lighted Dining update this coming April!



The Green Campus Program

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Cuesta and Elrond "Do It in the Dark"

By Max Broad & Kong Sham

The Green Campus Program hosted two dorm education programs in February and March. The program, known as "Do It in the Dark," is designed to give freshmen in the dorms an introduction to energy efficiency and conservation. The title is a reference to how the program is held with the lights off, in an effort to save energy and lead by example. Dorm education programs serve to both educate freshmen and give them an opportunity to interact with Green Campus members as a way to familiarize themselves with an environmental organization.

On February 18th, Green Campus held its third "Do it in the Dark" program of the school year with the freshman dorm Elrond in Middle Earth. The program had about 12 attendees that were interested in learning about how to save energy in their dorms. Because



Green Campus members reach out to residents in Elrond about saving energy in the dorm.

the freshmen living in the dorms pay a flat rate on their housing bill, they often neglect the amount of energy they use, leading to wasteful practices and living habits. Green Campus was able to reach out to these freshmen by educating them on

lighting, Phantom loads, and computer power management, using the opportunity to address misconceptions such as energy intensity of screensaver mode, and more beneficial hibernate settings.

Students were then invited to explore the UCI Green Room, where they learned what types of products they can purchase to make their day to day lives more sustainable.

On March 4th, The residents of the Mesa Court dormitory Cuesta received a Green Campus visit. A total crew of eight Green Campus members held the dorm education program. The great turnout from the GC crew was rivaled by a large crowd of 22 residents, who swayed between eager listeners and a rambunctious crowd as they enjoyed being in a group setting.

The Cuesta crew was



Green Campus interns and club members with the residents of Cuesta at "Do It in the Dark"

introduced to the program with an overview of what Green Campus does and offers, followed by energy saving measures and quirky fun terms like "phantom loads." They were then taken into the room of their resident advisor, Tara, to witness and participate in an energy audit. This practice is useful because it demonstrates an application of real-life uses for energy saving techniques, and applauds positive practices already implemented. It turned out that Tara was fairly energy efficient – a good "green" role model to have around the dorm.

Freshmen often learn a great deal when Green Campus comes into the dorms. There is quite a knowledge gap of sustainability knowledge, so it is a great opportunity for Green Campus to fill that gap for those who are new to the environmental scene, and encourage those who are ahead of the game.

Thank you to our Winter For-Credit Interns!

By Courtney Gill

The Green Campus Program would like to thank our fabulous four For-Credit Interns from Winter Quarter: Tomo Demers, Stephanie Olamendi, Henna Pithia and Kelly Wensi Li!

The interns helped

with a variety of events and projects last quarter. They volunteered at events like Take the Stairs Day, our final CFL exchange, and dorm education events throughout Winter Quarter. The interns also worked independently to continue with our Carbon Footprint Sticking Project.

We greatly appreciate all of the work they put in to keep Green Campus Projects going. The Green Campus For-Credit Internship is generously sponsored by Professor Dele Ogunseitan and Anne Kreighoff. We hope to continue the internship Spring Quarter.



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