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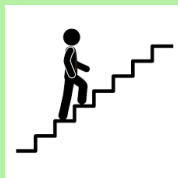
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OS Bear Prints

Sustainable Scoop about Treading Lightly on the Planet

Sustainability Tip of the Week!



Take the stairs!
You'll add in a quick
dose of cardio and save
energy not using the
elevator.



Apply to be a Farm Director

We are looking for
two Farm Directors
for 2014-2015.
This is a great
opportunity to
learn about farming
and building a
community food
system.

[Apply today!](#)

Compost Program Temporarily on Hold

We value your participation in our campus composting program and wanted to make sure you are aware of an event that is affecting our program. The facility where we were sending our compostable materials, Peninsula Compost, was forced to stop most operations in September 2014, and will shut down entirely in January 2015. (see more about this story [here](#)). Because of this, our compostable waste is currently going to the Waste-to-Energy plant with the rest of our campus trash to be incinerated.

We are still committed to composting as much organic waste as possible on campus, and we are currently working to find a facility to accept our compost. We will keep you updated as this story develops.

Please note: This **does not** impact recycling on campus. Please continue recycling plastics #1-7, paper, cardboard, cans, and bottles.

2014-15 Green Living

Check out our new
pages on the
[Ursinus website!](#)

Energy Use Survey

We are working to reduce our energy consumption on campus, but we need your help! [Please fill in this 9-question energy use survey.](#) It will help us design programs to reduce our energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. Thanks!

OS Quick News:

Get ready for the Power Games! Look out for information next semester, but get a head start by implementing energy saving practices.

Join us at a lecture about Obama's Climate Plan by Professor Eban Goodstein on November 18th at 7:00 PM, Musser Auditorium in Pfahler Hall.

There are only 2 more weekends left to visit the Collegeville Farmer's Market. Be sure to check it out!

Giant Panda Certified!

Sun Bear



Level 1

Black Bear



Level 2

Giant Panda



Level 3: Sustainability Giant

Grizzly Bear



Level 4

★★★

Example

Random Hall 111

Certification Date: 10/31/2014

RA: Rocket Man

Photo Credits: [Jinterwax](#) (Sun Bear), NPS (Black Bear), [Epukus](#) (Panda), Montana NWS (Grizzly)



Green Living Certification

15% of our students are now Green Living Certified.

Congratulations to Paisley Hall with the most certifications with 27 students certified. They are closely followed by Curtis Hall with 19 and Zwingli Hall with 17. Look to see which of your friends is certified (they'll have a certificate on their door). We'll be sending out an update with percent certified in each residence hall at the end of the semester.

You can apply to be green living certified anytime!!
Why wait... [apply now!](#)

Featured Fellow



This week's featured fellow is Axel Gonzales, the Organic Farm Director. Axel is a current junior with a major in American Studies with a focus in History and a minor in Environmental Studies. Axel developed an interest for food production in high school after learning how harmful and unjust the food system is. He sees it as his duty to help build a more sustainable, healthy, and equitable food system. His favorite

Green Rides

Students, faculty, and staff can sign up for UCBikeshare for only \$10 to ride ALL year. Members can sign out a bike from sun up to sun down. This is a great way to explore our beautiful local scenery while reducing your paw print! [Sign up for UCBikeshare now.](#)



We have two Zipcars on campus (parked in the Wismer lot). Zipcar is a convenient, affordable, and green transportation option. Annual membership is \$25 with rates of \$7.50 an hour including gas, insurance, and 180 miles of driving. [Sign up for Zipcar now.](#)



moments on the farm include watching the chickens grow up, harvesting honey from the bees, and saving seeds from sugar snap peas and replanting them. Through his experience, Axel has developed a greater appreciation for farmers and has learned that weeding builds character, patience, and persistence. Thank you for being an incredible Farm Director!

Take a class in Environmental Studies!

Learn about the social and scientific complexity of environmental problems while engaging in sustainability, conservation, and environmental initiatives on campus and the community. Consider taking one of the following ENV classes next semester! [Learn more here.](#)

- ENV 100 - Intro to ENV
- ENV 102 - Earth Around Us
- ENV 112 - Drinking it Up
- ENV 216 - Food & Society
- ENV 220 - Environmental Justice
- ENV 272 - Marine Mammals
- ENV 282 - Environmental Psychology
- ENV 325 - Insect Biology
- ENV 350 - Fueling Society
- ENV 366 - Ecological Change
- ENV 428 - Political Ecology

Did you hear about our sustainable toilet paper?



Our new cleaning services, Olympus Building Systems replaced our college's toilet paper dispensers with coreless rolls. These do not contain a cardboard center which eliminates waste!



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