



Welcome back to the Fall 2017 school year and the sixth edition of the GC Green Newsletter!

This is a monthly newsletter that features recycling information, going green events, how to get involved on campus, and all things green. A new edition is sent out on the last day of each month. This edition covers what we did in August and what to look forward to next month. Stay tuned for September's edition!

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Newsletter Questions/Comments: elizabeth.carroll@bobcats.gcsu.edu

Week of Welcome

Move-in and More!

The Class of 2021 moved into their dorms on the morning of Thursday, August 17. The Office of Sustainability, Facilities Operations, and some much appreciated volunteers assisted with collecting cardboard boxes and recycling at the dorms on Main and West Campus. We filled 10, 4-yard containers with cardboard!

The Sustainability Office attended RecFest at the West Campus Rec Center on Saturday, August 19. We engaged the new freshmen class with a recycling game and campus sustainability trivia! We handed out some free t-shirts, reusable drink tumblers, and stress balls. We gave out Zaxby's coupons in exchange for follows on our Facebook and Instagram pages. We teamed up with the Gardening Club to bring interested students on tours of the West Campus Garden and Compost Site.



Sustainability Council Retreat

The Sustainability Council Retreat took place on Wednesday, August 9th. The retreat brought together the Sustainability Council, the Office of Sustainability and its interns, and members of various offices on campus. Topics of discussion included the upcoming school year, new projects and proposals, and event planning. It was a beneficial day and we are looking forward to making an impact together this year!

- △ Will Hobbs, Head of the Sustainability Council and Professor of Outdoor Education
- △ Susan Allen, Vice of President for Finance and Administration
- △ Mark Duclos, Assistant Vice President for Facilities Operations
- △ Chad Wilson, Facilities Operations Maintenance Supervisor
- △ Shea Groebner, Assistant Director for Environmental, Health, and Safety
- △ Donna Bennett, Associate Director for Collection & Resource Services
- △ Doug Oetter, Professor of Geography
- △ Mark Causey, Lecturer of Philosophy & Religious Studies
- △ Allison Rick VandeVoort, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science and Environmental Science Program Coordinator
- △ Cathy Fungone, Business Manager
- △ Lori Strawder, Chief Sustainability Officer
- △ Kristen Hitchcock, Sustainability Coordinator
- △ Evan Hearn, Composting Intern for the Office of Sustainability
- △ Kierra Brown, Student Assistant for the Office of Sustainability
- △ Elizabeth Carroll, Student Assistant for the Office of Sustainability



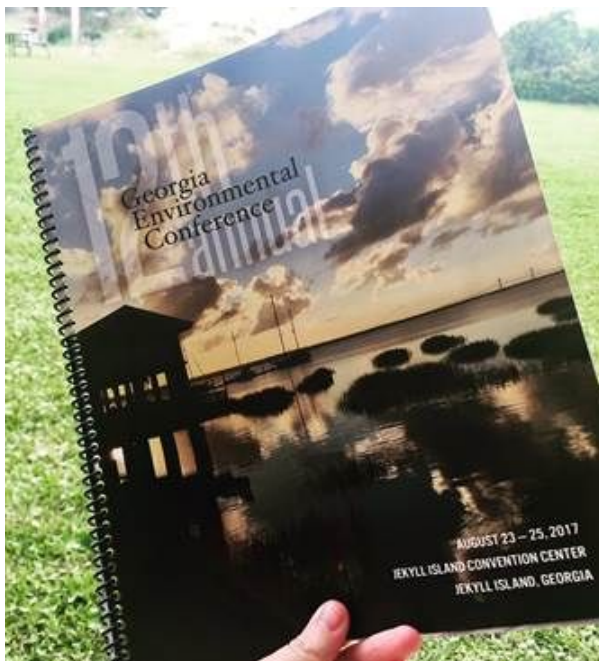
Georgia Environmental Conference

Sustaining the Future for the People of Georgia and the Southeast region

Our Sustainability Coordinator, Kristen Hitchcock, recently attended the 12th Annual Georgia Environmental Conference, held on Jekyll Island. This conference brings together more than 700 government officials, industry and business leaders, environmental professionals, and more, to learn about and network around environmental issues in Georgia and the Southeast. There was a significant focus on sustainability at the conference, with topic categories including sustainability, waste, and energy/transportation. Kristen put her time to good use for the campus by attending the following sessions:

- Environmental Management Systems
- Best Practices for Waste Reduction
- VW Settlement Funding Opportunities for Alternative Fuel Vehicles
- Trends in Managing and Communicating Sustainability Data; Sustainable Communities
- Media, Cars, Planes and Beer – Corporate Sustainability at its Best!
- Implementing Energy Savings Programs; and Solar Power in Agriculture

She also networked with the EHS and Sustainability Offices from Kennesaw State. We can be proud that the work that Georgia College is doing around sustainability is in line with efforts elsewhere; and we are not alone in the daily challenges we face, especially in terms of aligning our infrastructure around sustainability and educating our campus. To continually improve our efforts, we can learn from and benchmark against the best practices being shared each year at the Georgia Environmental Conference. If you have any questions or want to discuss specific sessions that she attended, feel free to call or email Kristen (kristen.hitchcock@gcsu.edu; 478-445-8659).



Hurricane Harvey

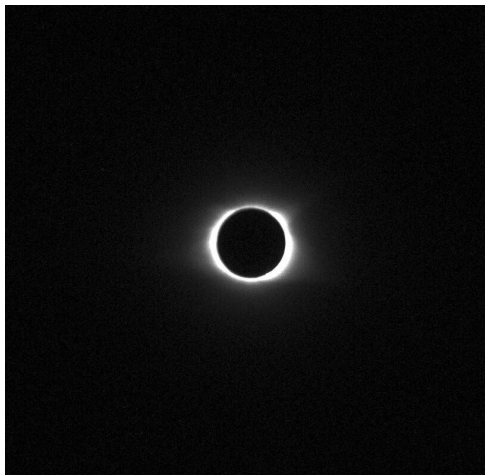
How You Can Help

With the death toll at 40, potentially \$190 billion in damages, and 450,000 people seeking disaster assistance, people are in need. Probably the quickest and easiest way to donate is by texting HARVEY to 90999. This donates \$10 to the American Red Cross. There are other ways to donate as well! Read more about where to safely donate or how to help, [here](#). Stay informed with live updates, [here](#).

In the News

Total Solar Eclipse

On Monday, August 21, 2017, Earth experienced a total solar eclipse. North America was in the path of totality, where the total eclipse was visible. A partial solar eclipse was visible in South America, Africa, and Europe. The eclipse only lasted 2 minutes and 40 seconds in the path of totality. A total solar eclipse has not been visible in the United States since 1979. Make sure you have your eclipse glasses ready for the next total solar eclipse in the U.S. on April 8, 2024, which will be visible from Texas to New England.



Gideon Smith

Events in September

Looking ahead!

The Office of Sustainability will be visiting classes to educate students on recycling practices on campus, how to get involved, and what we're all about! If you're interested in having us come speak with your class, email sustaingc@gcsu.edu.

Be sure to observe these upcoming environmental holidays!

September 4: National Wildlife Day

September 21: Zero Emissions Day

September 24: World Rivers Day

September 26: World Environmental Health Day