



Welcome to the first 2018 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 January and what to look forward to next month. Stay tuned for February's edition!

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Get involved on campus: [GC Environmental Science Club](#), [GC Gardening Club](#), [GC Earth Action Team](#)

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Super Blue Blood Moon 2018

On the morning of January 31st, 2018, a combination of three lunar events occurred -- a supermoon, a blue moon, and a total lunar eclipse. This hasn't been seen anywhere on Earth since December 1982. For the Eastern time zone, the lunar eclipse will only be partial. The next lunar eclipse will be on Jan. 21, 2019. This one will be visible throughout all of the U.S. and will be a supermoon, but it won't be a blue moon. Check out some photos of the Super Blue Blood Moon from around the world, [here!](#)



Photo by Mary E. McGlynn in Burbank, California

Sustainable New Year's Resolutions

As the new year begins, the Office of Sustainability encourages you to consider a sustainable New Year's Resolution for 2018! Check out our [blog post](#) to get some ideas. We also found some students on campus that have their own eco-friendly resolutions.

- Our very own intern, Elizabeth, has resolved to stop using plastic straws for the new year. Instead, she carries stainless steel, [reusable straws](#) with her!
- Another one of our interns, Ryan, has decided to stop using plastic bags. Instead, he brings his own reusable bags to the grocery store!
- Our compost intern, Jake, aims to educate 200 people on sustainability and environmental practices in 2018!
- Ashlie, a zero-waste advocate and intern, has given up bottled shampoo for 2018. Instead, she will be using [Shampoo Bars](#) from LUSH, which are packaging-free and last for over 80 washes!

If you have your own environmental resolutions for 2018, reply to this email to be featured on our social media!

Getting Involved this Semester

As the new year and the new semester begin, it's not too late to get involved on campus!

- **Environmental Science Club** meets every Wednesday at 8 in A&S 240, and will be planning their camping trip soon.
- **Gardening Club** meets in A&S 240 on Tuesdays at 7. They host garden workdays on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the semester. Join their [Facebook page](#) to keep up with their workdays!
- **Earth Action Team** has their meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. Join them for their first meeting at 5 in the Give Center Room 150 on February 6th. Be sure to join if you need volunteer hours!
- **Certificate in Sustainability** is an accreditation that can be earned in addition to your degree, focusing on environment, economics, and ethics.
 - The **Sustainability Certificate** gives students an additional accreditation, along with their degree, to enter dynamic worlds of commerce, science, social work, and policy that will continue to be developed in the near future as the global environment becomes more prominent on everyone's agenda.
 - If you're interested in pursuing the Sustainability Certificate, contact your advisor!

Narrow Ridge Alternative Spring Break

Need plans for Spring Break 2018?? Consider the Narrow Ridge Alternative Spring Break trip instead of the beach this year! Located in Tennessee, the [Narrow Ridge Earth Literacy Center](#) immerses its visitors in the natural environment and a sustainable lifestyle. This [short video](#) gives you some insight into what you can expect from the trip! If you're interested in more information or attending the trip, email sustain@gcsu.edu!



RecycleMania Kickoff

RecycleMania is an 8-week long competition between colleges and universities across the country to raise awareness about recycling on campus, increase their recycling rates, and promote waste reduction practices. Last year, Georgia College's estimated weekly recycling rates ranged from 6.9 to 8.3%. We hope to beat last year's recycling rates this year! This year's competition starts on February 4th and ends on March 31st. We will be spending these eight weeks promoting and rewarding recycling on campus. Check the end of the newsletter to see what events we have planned so far!



Events in February

February 2nd - World Wetlands Day

February 7th - Bee Sustainable: Let's Talk Farming

Wednesday in A&S 275 at 8pm

Christopher D'Alessandro, main farmhand for Harvest Moon Garden and Orchard, is coming to speak about sustainable agriculture techniques that he is implementing on his farm. He will be discussing some big picture farming concepts and the role of pollinators, such as honeybees, in industrial and sustainable agriculture.

February 27th - International Polar Bear Day

February 4th - March 31st - RecycleMania Competition

Check our social media or our [blog](#) for updates on events for Weeks 4 and 6!

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| <p>Week 1: 2/6 Caught Green Handed</p> <p>All day, across campus</p> <p>Be on the lookout for OOS reps, who will be handing out swag to anybody engaging in sustainable behaviors.</p> <p>You may get “caught” and featured on our social media!</p> | <p>Week 2: 2/12 Green Carpet with Housing</p> <p>Reflection Pool 2:15-4:15pm</p> <p>The OOS will be on hand at Housing’s green carpet with games and swag.</p> <p>You could win a reusable water bottle!</p> | <p>Week 3: 2/23 Volunteer Day</p> <p>West Campus Recycling Center 1-4pm</p> <p>Help the OOS sort and clean up at the West Campus Recycling Center.</p> | <p>Week 5: 3/7 Green Carpet with Housing</p> <p>Adams Hall 2:15-4:15pm</p> <p>The OOS will be on hand at Housing’s green carpet with games, swag, and another chance to win a reusable water bottle!</p> | <p>Week 7: 3/23 Volunteer Day</p> <p>West Campus Recycling Center 1-4pm</p> <p>Help the OOS clean up and sort recycling!</p> <p>We know this is spring break for GC; but if you are in Milledgeville, stop by, meet the OOS, and give a helping hand.</p> | <p>Week 8: 3/27 Caught Green Handed</p> <p>All day, across campus</p> <p>Be on the lookout for OOS reps, who will be handing out swag to anybody engaging in sustainable behaviors.</p> <p>You may get “caught” and featured on our social media!</p> |
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