

Welcome to the twelfth 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. This edition covers what we did in March and what to look forward to next month. Stay tuned for April's edition!

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

Intern Spotlight: Jake Deitch

Senior environmental science major, Jake Deitch, is the Compost Intern with the Office of Sustainability. His responsibilities include collecting food waste from the max, transporting it to the compost site near west campus utilizing a facilities truck, and composting the food waste into fertilizer. From there, the final product is used at the West Campus Garden and he hopes to expand this to the community in the future! His favorite part of his position is learning how the process of composting works. He finds it fascinating because "it's a great GC initiative to reduce our waste production. Not only are we diverting food from the landfill, but reducing methane production by composting with an in-vessel system, which produces zero methane by using anaerobic decomposition." Jake is very passionate about composting and environmentalism as a whole, making him a great addition to the Office! The compost project helps the school reduce its footprint, provides fertilizer for the campus garden, and provides research opportunities for students!



Dodge the Dump

As the semester comes to an end, we wanted to remind students about Dodge the Dump. During move-out, we will be collecting any items (such as food, cleaning supplies, furniture, appliances, clothing) for donation to organizations in the local community. Avoid the dump and donate your items instead!

Events in April

April 7th - Green Market Summer Season Kickoff

- 222 E. Hancock Street from 9am to noon
- Come celebrate the **Green Market**'s first market of the weekly summer market season with your local farmers & artists. The first 20 customers will receive free raffle tickets!

April 19th - Pollution to Paint Symposium

- Front Campus from 5:30 7
- Come learn how eco-artist, <u>John Sabraw</u>, is addressing issues of environmental sustainability by blending art and science! He is one of the first activists to fuse art, environmental science, geology, and chemistry by collaborating with scientists to transform pollution into paint. By extracting toxic waste from streams and repurposing it into acrylic and oil paint, Sabraw takes this opportunity to create stunning artwork all while replenishing the streams back to biological viability. Watch his TedTalk here!

April 21-29th - National Park Week

April 22nd - Earth Day

Celebrate Earth Day all week long! EarthFest will be on April 20th all day on front campus. There will be live
music, raffles, and much more! Stay tuned to our social media and the Environmental Science Club pages for
more details.