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Up & Coming

Dorm energy competition in October

Fun Facts

Fact: Between 80 and 85 percent of the energy used to wash clothes comes from heating the water. Using warm or cool water instead of hot will save money and energy and get clothes just as clean.

Fact: The United States consumes almost 9 million barrels of gasoline daily—43 percent of total global daily gasoline consumption.

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Earth Day

On Thursday, April 22nd, CSULB Green Interns took part in a campus wide Earth Day celebration. This was the team's first opportunity to introduce themselves to the campus to spread the word about the new Green Campus program. CSULB Green Campus had a table at the outdoor environmental awareness fair, which featured over twenty other eco friendly groups. Other vendors included the Surfrider foundation, Green Long Beach!, and the Environmental Science and Policy Club. The Earth Day fair was held in the center of the school right outside of the bookstore. During the three hour fair, Green Campus interns were able to interact with students, faculty and staff and answer any questions visitors had about the program. Current interns were also able to talk to some students who were interested in becoming part of the CSULB Green Campus chapter.

The CSULB intern table was covered with information about the Green Campus program. The project menu was displayed as a way to get people excited about some future events that will be happening at CSULB. There were also some green campus newsletters from other teams at the table so visitors could see how successful the program has been at other campuses.

A signup sheet to join the CSULB Green Intern mailing list was in the center of the table, by the end of the day there were about 30 signatures! Signatures included staff, faculty, and students from the CSULB community. Members of the mailing list will receive updates on future Green Campus events as well as the monthly newsletter, *The Green Wave*!

Overall, it was a very successful Earth Day, CSULB interns were able to introduce themselves to the campus and spark an interest in the Green Internship program. CSULB interns are off to a strong start and are really looking forward to future events!

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Green Campus Interns meet Stakeholders

On Friday, April 30th, the CSULB green interns held their second Stakeholder Meeting. The meeting was held in the Facilities Management conference room. The main goal of this meeting was to discuss some ideas interns have for projects with the stakeholder group. Potential projects discussed were a residence hall energy competition, installing vending machine misers, and adding or replacing current occupancy sensors. Feedback was received for all three projects including how we can broaden the scope of the residence hall competition to include additional events, such as movie screenings. Facilities Management may already have a project in place to install and replace current in occupancy sensors in classrooms, and for the vending misers, the interns will work with the 49er Shops Inc, who is in charge of the food service facilities on campus.

The Green campus interns are honored to report that the stakeholder team is very representative of Cal State Long Beach. Members include representatives from the facilities department on campus, the chancellors office, representatives from the 49er shops, professors from various departments, as well as some faculty members from Associated Students, Inc. Overall, the meeting provided an opportunity for the interns to become familiar with the stakeholders and what each member's specialty area is. The team was also happy that the stakeholders had the opportunity to meet with the Green Campus Long Beach team to express their ideas and hopes for our program. The meeting was very successful, the interns were thankful for how much support and advice the stakeholders provided.

Allie Bussjaeger

Hello! My name is Allie Bussjaeger, I am the team manager for the CSULB Green Campus program. As of this Fall, I will be a senior. Basically, I am a psychology major who has a passion for going green! During my junior year at CSULB I became involved in student government by taking on the role as ASI Conservation Commissioner. This position gave me the opportunity to learn what our campus is doing to be more sustainable as well as the chance to organize events for students where they could learn about how to live a more eco friendly lifestyle. My biggest accomplishment as Conservation Commissioner was starting a trayless dining program in the dining halls on campus. I was also able to organize events for Earth Day as well as ECO Week, both were a lot of fun! I am currently a member of the Sustain U Committee, an ad hoc committee that focuses on sustainability practices within the University Student Union. During this past year, I have become very passionate about environmental issues on campus. When I heard that the Green Campus program was coming to Cal State Long Beach, I was thrilled!



Besides being a CSULB Green Campus Intern and student, I am also a dance instructor. I teach dance lessons to children in the Santa Ana School District as part of an after school program. I love dancing and working with children, so this is a fun stress releaser for me!

After I graduate from CSULB, I plan on receiving my Master's degree in either environmental science and policy or speech and language pathology. Two very different career paths, I know! I love working with children, so my overall career goal is to work with children in a school setting and to eventually create an after school outreach program where I can teach children about how to live a sustainable lifestyle.

I am honored to be a part of the CSULB Green Campus program, I am really looking forward to a very eventful year!

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We'll be on the web soon!
See it in next months issue

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Felix Navarrete

Hey! My name is Felix Navarrete, I am the treasurer for the CSULB Green Campus program. This fall will be my third exciting year at CSULB. I am majoring in environmental science and policy and minoring in Spanish. I am proud to say I have tons of CSULB pride. I feel lucky to have been given a chance to do something for my school for a change because up to this point I have only looked for what my school can do for me.

Up until last December I was undeclared, but since I declared myself as an environmental science and policy major I have fallen in love with the field. I find myself conserving energy and water whenever I can, have it be by just taking shorter showers or unplugging my appliances when I am not using them. I have also decided to go one step further and go vegetarian for the summer in efforts to reduce my virtual water consumption and on some small scale reduce methane levels. Although, I know I am not saving the world the change always has to start with ourselves.

Besides being a CSULB Green Campus Intern and student, I have been a Power4Youth Mentor for the past year and a half. I meet with my mentee a few times a week to help out with homework or any other issues he might have. In my free time I love to play sports or do anything outdoors.

Ultimately with my major and minor I would love to be able to help provide a clean and constant source of fresh water to underprivileged areas in South America. Though that is a far ways away I feel that Green Campus is one step closer towards my dream and that this program is one step closer towards making our campus more green and more energy efficient. I am both honored and excited to be a part of the CSULB Green Campus program.

Jennifer Mendoza

Hello, my name is Jennifer Mendoza and I am the secretary for the CSULB Green Campus program. I will be a fourth year Environmental Science and Policy major here at Cal State Long Beach and am excited to be completing my degree. I strongly believe in advocating for the protection of our environment and was thrilled when I was offered an opportunity to promote energy sustainability with the Green Campus program.

As well as being a new intern, I am also on CSULBs field hockey team. We compete against many other CSU's and UC universities, and this last season we placed third in the championships.

In my free time I enjoy reading, going to the beach, and of course, playing field hockey! I look forward to helping CSU Long Beach become more sustainable in energy consumption and hopefully make my campus one of the most energy efficient campuses in the area. I am excited for the future projects we have planned for our campus and hope that they will make a difference in the way CSULB looks at the way they consume energy. I am proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization. GO BEACH!

