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Office of Sustainability

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Have a great summer!



Congrats, Sustainability Service Honorees!

These Comets have poured their hearts into service to earn the Sustainability Service Honors upon graduation. Let's take a moment to congratulate them! Each honoree has performed a minimum of **250 hours of service** that directly correlates with **UN Sustainable Development Goals**. Without further ado, here are the [2019-2020 Sustainability Service Honorees](#).



#WhooshAwayHunger

The students of **UNIV 3310: Sustainable Development Goals & Local Action** and the **Office of Sustainability** are raising funds to support **North Texas Food Bank** as they provide meals to our community more urgently than ever. **Donating \$1 to NTFB provides 3 meals** to food insecure members of our community as NTFB supplies food pantries across North Texas, including Comet Cupboard. Please consider donating [here](#), share a picture of yourself whooshing with the hashtag [#WhooshAwayHunger](#), and let's show how our Comet community gives back! Read more in [UTD Today](#).



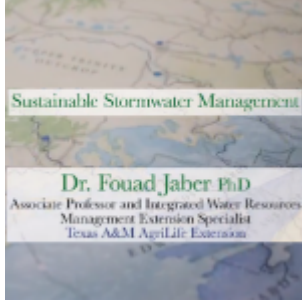
Reflecting on Digital Earth Day

On April 22nd, the UT Dallas community came together to crowdsource a unique **video resource library on sustainability!** Videos that were submitted covered **16 out of 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals**. There were a variety of submissions, from the Environmental Conservation Organization (ECO), Student Government's Green Initiative (GI), Citizen's Climate Lobby (CCL), Office of Student Volunteerism Student Leaders, Office of Sustainability Eco Reps, faculty, staff, and community partners, like the City of Plano and RK McFarmland. Thank you for spending Digital Earth Day with us! [View the resource library.](#)



UTD's Food Waste Diversion Program Places 16th in RecycleMania Competition

RecycleMania, the nationwide waste reduction competition UT Dallas has participated in since 2013, came to a quicker end than usual this year. Although waste logging stopped when many college campuses closed, UT Dallas still had an impressive finish in the food waste diversion category, placing **16th out of 144** competing schools. UTD has come a long way in its sustainability efforts, and our food waste reduction program is a great example of growth and improvement. Read more about RecycleMania results [here](#).



Sustainable Semesters

Student Government has worked to bring Sustainable Semesters online! Check out Dr. Fouad Jaber's discussion on Sustainable Stormwater Management [here](#).



Gardening Preparedness Webinar

Did you miss out on Plano School of Permaculture Director Nicholas Burtner's gardening preparedness class? No worries! Watch a recording of the class [here](#).



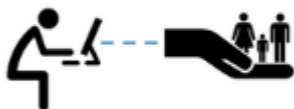
The Greenhouse

Here you can find updates to the UT Dallas Eco Rep blog!



Leave No Trace

Summer is coming and the parks are opening back up. Sophia reminds us to stay environmentally polite in the outdoors. [Head to The Greenhouse!](#)



Remote Volunteering

Volunteerism is more necessary now than ever, but how? Caroline suggests a couple ways to get involved.

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The 5 R's

Remember the 3 R's? Well, they've gotten an upgrade. Yen takes us through step by step and explains the new R's. [Head to The Greenhouse!](#)



[Saying No to Single-Use Plastics](#)

You may have heard of [ECO's single-use plastic ban petition](#) circulating campus; but what are single-use plastics, and why should you care? Paulina explains in this month's post. [Head to The Greenhouse!](#)

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