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Dear Tufts Environmental,



Matriculation Day is happening on Aug 31!
Does Jumbo need his hair and makeup done?
(Photo by: Alonso Nichols/Tufts Photo)

The Office of Sustainability is back in Miller Hall and our newsletter has come back from its hiatus as well! With a new look and original content, the newsletter will now be delivered to your inboxes once a month, with a separate "Events and Jobs" update sent out on a weekly basis.

This summer, we also started a [blog](#) and [Facebook page](#) to go along with our [Twitter feed](#). We hope you will take advantage of these interactive tools to share your thoughts with us through whichever online venue you prefer, and we look forward to starting many conversations with you!

Tufts earns STARS Silver Rating

This August, Tufts became one of only 64 institutions to earn a Silver rating for its sustainability achievements under the [Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System \(STARS\)](#), a new program that measures and encourages sustainability in all aspects of higher education.



Tufts received 62.73% overall for its submission - only a few credits shy of a Gold rating with full points in several areas such as *Student Sustainability Outreach Campaign* for student-led initiatives such as Trayless Dining, *Sustainability Research Incentives*, and *Incentives for Developing Sustainability Courses*. Tufts also received maximum credits for innovation and posted above average scores in two out of three main categories, with the highest score in Planning, Administration and Engagement at 79% (19% higher than average). [Read more >>](#)

View the [entire scorecard](#) on the STARS website.

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Tufts delegate at *Recharge! Retreat*

[Focus the Nation](#) selected [20 rising clean energy leaders](#) to be part of its



all-expenses paid [ReCharge! Retreat](#) happening this week (Aug

Staff Spotlight: Laurie Sabol

Eco-Ambassador champions sustainability within and outside of Tufts



Laurie Sabol receives the Bridge Builder Award from President Emeritus Larry Bacow at the 2011 Distinction Awards last June.

Former [Eco-Ambassador](#) Laurie Sabol (FY 2009-10) was recognized last June at the [2011 Tufts Distinction Awards](#) with a Bridge Builder Award for "bringing out the best in others". It is easy to see why: apart from being the Social Sciences reference librarian at [Tisch Library](#), Laurie has long been a "green advocate" within and beyond the Tufts community.

During her stint as an [Eco-Ambassador](#), Laurie wrote a proposal to start the [Tisch Sustainability Team](#) which has since received support and recognition from library administration. The Team has started several initiatives such as office composting and becoming a [TerraCycle](#) recycling site for chip/granola bar bags and writing implements. (Proceeds from [TerraCycle](#) benefit the [Eco-Reps](#) program.) [Read more >>](#)

(Interested in becoming an [Eco-Ambassador](#) yourself? [Click here.](#))

21-26) in Mt. Hood, Oregon and one of five delegates for Innovation is Julie Paul, an Incoming second year graduate student from Tufts Chemical Engineering. One of her projects involved exploring the creation of biofuels using e.coli bacteria.

We look forward to catching up with Julie when she gets back.

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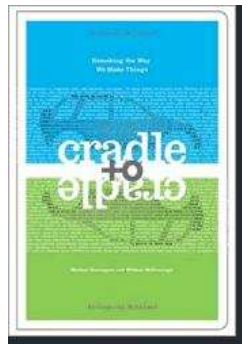
- [Environmental Studies Program](#)
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- [Tufts Recycles](#)

Cradle to Cradle

Summer Book Club meets August 29 (Mon) at noon

Looking for an interesting and informative read? Our summer book club selection could be just the ticket for you!

Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things by William McDonough and Michael Braungart is a manifesto calling for the transformation of human industry through ecologically intelligent design.



Upcoming Events

We made it easier for you to keep track of what's going on around Tufts sustainability community this year by creating a common Google calendar called [Tufts Environmental Events](#). This calendar is shared and updated by the following entities:



- [Environmental Studies Program](#)
- [Office of Sustainability](#)
- [Tufts Institute of the Environment](#)
- Tufts Sustainability Collaborative

Additional (including non-Tufts) events are posted


To quote from the Publishers Weekly review: "[A] clear, accessible manifesto . . . the authors' original concepts are an inspiring reminder that humans are capable of much more elegant environmental solutions than the ones we've settled for in the last half-century."

The summer book club will meet next Monday, August 29 over lunch break outside the Office of Sustainability (weather permitting) to discuss the book. Hope to see you there!

regularly on the [TuftsGetsGreen blog](#) . You even set up a dedicated RSS feed for Events.

- [Aug 26: MCAN's Walk-Ride Day](#)
- [Sep 7: The National Climate Seminar](#)
- [Sep 17: Mass Climate Action Network Dance Party](#)
- [Sep 30: MA Green Career Conference](#)
- [Oct 20-21: Carbon Smarts Conference](#)
- [Nov 13: MCAN's Eleventh Annual Climate Action](#)

Jobs in Sustainability

Job and internship opportunities are posted regularly on the [TuftsGetsGreen blog](#) . Set up a dedicated RSS feed for the "Career" category so you never miss another post!

- [Transportation Management Association Coordinator \(Boston, MA\)](#)
- [Energy and Environmental Analyst \(Washington D.C.\)](#)
- [Sustainability Outreach Coordinator \(Palo Alto, CA\)](#)
- [Program Manager, Housing Sustainability \(Palo Alto, CA\)](#)
- [Sustainable Transportation Program Manager \(Boulder, CO\)](#)
- [Small Planet Institute Intern \(Cambridge MA\)](#)
- [Program Officer \(Kansas City KS\)](#)
- [Policy Research Associate \(Washington DC\)](#)
- [Fall Intern, Brookline Planning & Community Development Department \(Brookline MA\)](#)
- [Associate Communications Officer \(Geneva\)](#)
- [Workers Needed for Matriculation Luncheon on 8/31](#)

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