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Should your town be recycling or composting?

MassDEP is offering scholarships to attend the Recycling & Organics Conference on March 29. Scholarships will be

March 11, 2011

Dear Tufts Environmental,

We've got a great newsletter for you this week, filled with tons of really cool on (and off) campus events that are coming up soon! Tomorrow (Saturday), there is an environmental action conference at Bentley in Waltham where you can learn how to become a change agent. Also, if you've missed a newsletter or two recently, or just want to remind yourself about what's on the horizon, take a peek through the events that were mentioned in past newsletters!

Stay Green!

-Jason

Header photo: Groundwork Somerville held their annual boil down last week- boiling 260 gallons of sugar sap collected by trees around Somerville, including some on Tufts campus. Read more about the boil down [here](#).

Photo: Amanda Kersey, Somerville Patch

awarded to 14 different districts and will help cover the cost of admission. Scholarship requests are to be submitted to your Municipal Assistance Coordinator by March 16th. For more information, visit [this website](#).

The Grab Bag

Natalie Portman shows exactly why she's Oscar-winning material in this recycling themed throwback:



Recycle It!

New Green Dorm Rooms!

The following residents have had their dorm room certified by the Eco-Reps in the past week:

Daniel & Ngonidzashe
Brandon Wheeler

Congratulations!

Job Opportunities

Sustainability News

Boston seeks bike share name

The City of Boston is searching for a suitable name for their long-awaited bike sharing program slated to be installed this spring. Current name suggestions include:

- Dash
- MinuteBikes
- CityBike
- BiGo
- Boston Area Bike Share
- Bixi

If you like any of these (or others that have been suggested) or have an even better idea of your own, follow this [link to a survey](#) that will allow you to vote on submissions, or submit your own!

On-Campus Events

New:

Tufts Power Shift Kick-Off Event

March 16, 2011, 7:00-9:00pm

Hotung Cafe, Campus Center, Medford Campus

Powershift is a very powerful event, where thousands of students from around the country will converge in D.C. to campaign for issues such as clean electricity and corporate accountability. Tufts will be sending a group of students to the event, and if you want to sign up or learn more about Powershift, the kick-off event is the perfect place to be.

There will be tons of info on what the event is and how you can sign up, as well as food, drinks, and music. Be sure to wear green to celebrate St. Patty's Day (and the environment)!

ENVS Lunch & Learn: Michael R. Davis, FAIA, LEED-Architecture, Energy, and Climate

[Holton Farms Intern](#),
Westminster, Vermont

[Green Corps](#), Various
Locations- **Last day to
apply is March 31st**

[Seasonal Educator Intern
2011](#), South China

[More job listings from TIE](#)

[Career resources at OOS](#)

Interesting Links:

Educational:

- [The Office of Sustainability](#)
- [Tufts Institute for the Environment](#)
- [Environmental Studies Program](#)
- [The UEP School](#)

Blogs:

- [Tufts Bikes](#)
- [The Veg Table](#)
- [Girly Green Girl](#)

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April 14, 2011, 12:00-1:00pm

**Rabb Room, Tisch College Lincoln Filene Center,
Medford Campus**

Understanding the role that building energy use plays in the causes and mitigation of greenhouse gas emission and climate change, civically engaged activist architects are now working to change the design conversation from why buildings look like they do to how they "perform."

Michael R. Davis, FAIA, LEED®, is a Principal and Vice President at Bergmeyer Associates, Inc. Mr. Davis specializes in sustainably designing new and adaptively-reused high-performance multi-family mixed-income housing, commercial buildings, and university residence halls. He advises the Boston Redevelopment Authority as acting Chair of the Boston Civic Design Commission, Co-Chairs the AIA Massachusetts Government Affairs Committee, and is Public Policy Commissioner on the Board of the Boston Society of Architects. Mr. Davis has served on Mayor Thomas Menino's Green Building Task Force for the City of Boston and Governor Deval Patrick's Net Zero Energy Building Task Force for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Mike is also an Overseer and a member of the Faculty at the Boston Architectural College and currently teaches Graduate Research and Writing. In 2002, Mike was given the second annual Award for Excellence in Teaching from the BSA Members of the AIA College of Fellows. Mr. Davis holds a Bachelor Degree in Architecture from the Pennsylvania State University and a Master of Architecture from Yale University.

Sponsored by the [Environmental Studies Department](#).

Tufts Energy Conference

April 15-16, 2011

**Cabot Intercultural Center, Tufts University
Medford Campus**

Learn from and engage with key energy industry experts, policymakers, and the rising generation of energy leaders in a thought-provoking discussion on the pertinent challenges and opportunities facing today's energy sector. Sign-up today to get your discount!

This year's theme is "**Exploring Energy's Great Debates: Moving Past Posturing to Arrive at Achievable Energy Solutions**," our goal is to create constructive debate on how incremental policy changes

and business model innovations can make a meaningful impact on global energy challenges in the next 10 years. In addition to learning from our diverse expert panelists, you'll have the opportunity to network with energy-industry professionals and learn about career and internship opportunities in a variety of fields at our showcase. The Tufts Energy Conference is organized by a diverse mix of Tufts undergraduates and graduate students from the Fletcher School for Law & Diplomacy, the Urban and Environmental Policy & Planning program and the School for Arts, Sciences & Engineering. Sponsors for the 2011 Tufts Energy Conference include: CB&I, BP, Shell, Institute for Global Leadership, Center for International Environmental and Resource Policy & Energy, Climate and Innovation Program, Enel, Strook, and Tufts Institute for the Environment. Registration includes access to the full two-day conference, Friday hors d'oeuvres, Saturday breakfast, and Saturday lunch. For more information, visit the [TEC website](#).

A Research Day on Sustainability

May 3, 2011

Aidekman Arts Center

40 Talbot Avenue, Medford, MA 02155

The Office of the Vice Provost at Tufts University is hosting a "Research Day on Sustainability," will feature four panel discussions on Sustainable Technology, Sustainable Development, Sustainable Cities and Sustainable Policy, as well as poster presentations.

Please RSVP by April 15, 2011 via 617.636.6550 or ovp-rsvp@tufts.edu. Updates will continue to be posted as more details of the event become available.

Previously Mentioned:

[Environmental Summer Research Scholarships for Tufts Students](#)

The Summer Scholars Program is a wonderful opportunity for undergraduate students to begin or continue faculty-mentored research on campus, and for faculty to have funded research assistants.

Information for mentors can be found at
http://uss.tufts.edu/undergradEducation/research/summer_scholars/mentorInfo.asp
and information to for students can be found at
http://uss.tufts.edu/undergradEducation/research/summer_scholars/studentInfo.asp.

Tufts Energy Challenge:\$1000 Award

Conflict Resolution Workshop: Managing Conflicts at School, at the Workplace, and in Interpersonal Relationships

**Saturday, March 5, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
48 Professors Row, Tufts**

Social Media 101 Presentations

**Medford Campus
March 11, 1:30-2:30 pm
Cabot 205**

**Boston Campus
March 14, 2-3 pm
Sackler 516**

Request for Poster Abstracts: Tufts Water Conference

**Abstract Submission Deadline: March 11
Conference Date: April 1
Fletcher School**

Sustainability Research Day: Call for Poster Submissions

**Deadline for submissions is April 1st, 2011.
Event to be held May 3rd, 2011**

2011 Friedman School Graduate Student Research Conference

**April 2, 2011
Tufts University, Medford Campus**

Off-Campus events

New:

The Enviro Action 2011 Conference

March 12, 2011

Bentley University, Waltham

This year's conference boasts 25 workshops on topics ranging from **Social Marketing for Activists** and **organic lawn care** to the relationship between the obesity and modern chemicals and **climate related panels** such as Coal-Free New England and reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

The conference website can be found [here](#).

Get Skills Training Too!

One great feature of the Environmental Action Conferences is the opportunity for One on One training with experts. Seven experts in fields ranging from non-profit law, to fundraising, to hydrogeology are available to give you advice and get you going on your way. To check out the available experts, check out [this website](#).

MIT Sustainability Summit

April 22, 2011

Microsoft NERD Center, MIT, Cambridge

Bridging Thought and Action: Creating a Sustainable Organization: The 3rd annual MIT Sustainability Summit attempts to address critical implementation questions and generate some answers. Come hear what experts think, share your ideas, network with others working in sustainability, and celebrate Earth Day with us at the Summit.

Tickets will go on sale on Monday, March 14th. Keynotes and panel information will be available soon. For additional information, [click here](#).

Previously Mentioned:

[Help Plan Medford's Climate Summer Week](#)

March 16, 6:30 pm
Medford City Hall, Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
Medford, MA 02155

[Sustainable Environmentalism in the 21st Century](#)

March 17, 1-4 pm
Wheaton College, Norton, MA

[Wild and Scenic Film Festival](#)

Opening Night Reception:
Robin Young leads expert panel on energy's future
Friday Mar 25, 2011 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Afternoon FilmFest:
View shorts MC'd by NPR's Bruce Gellerman
Saturday Mar 26, 2011 1:00 PM - 3:15 PM

The Finale:
See Carbon Nation plus locavore tasting and silent auction
Saturday Mar 26, 2011 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

[Jewish Food Justice! An Organic Farm Retreat](#)

April 1-3, 2011
Adamah Farm at Isabella Freedman

[Fostering Sustainable Behavior Workshop](#)

April 7-8, 2011
Toronto, Canada

["Organic Lawns for Homeowners" Workshops](#)

April 7 and 9, 2011
Various Locations

[MA Sustainable Communities Conference: Best Practices in Local Sustainability](#)

April 15,
8 am-4 pm
Holiday Inn, Marlborough, MA

Educational Opportunities

New:

UMass Sustainable Development Online Graduate Program: Summer course listings available now

UMass Online has evolved its offered curriculum and programs to better address the issues of our time. With this has come, among others, a new Sustainable Development Graduate Program, designed to enable professionals and students from around the globe to identify, explore and formulate best practices in Sustainable Development.

Summer Courses are now available for viewing online. To learn more about the Sustainable Development program, [follow this link](#).

Previously Mentioned:

(Click the links for more information)

[Seventh Annual Summer Institute for Social Marketing and Health Communications](#)

**Week of July 10, 2011
Emerson College, Boston**

[The Bard Center for Environmental Policy Masters in Environmental Policy or Climate Science and Policy](#)

See you next week!

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