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Dear Tufts Environmental,

March is coming to a close and with only one more week to go of [Recyclemania](#), we are excited to report that [Week 6 Results](#) has [Tufts](#) holding steady in the rankings:

- 6th among 23 participating schools in Massachusetts (behind BC and MIT, ahead of Harvard),
- 8th (out of 320 reporting schools!) in the [Per Capita Classic category](#), and
- 3rd in the Paper recycling category!



Come on, Jumbos, and let's see if we can move up those ranks! Both [Recyclemania](#) and the [Dorm Recycling Competition](#) end this Saturday, March 31st.



Also happening at the end of this week is the [inaugural Green Streets Walk/Ride Corporate Challenge](#) and Tufts is a participating employer. Every last Friday of the month from March until September, green your commute (walk, bike, take the T, or telecommute) and [check in online](#) to help Tufts win! All participants will also be eligible to win raffle prizes.

Read on for some good news regarding [paper cup recycling](#), an [update from the Water Working Group](#) of the [Campus Sustainability Council](#), along with a ton of upcoming events and new jobs.

Like many of you, I look at the pink and white blooms dotting the campus landscape and hope for the swift return of warmer weather.

-Fannie Koa
Communications Specialist, Office of Sustainability

P.S. Don't forget to apply to be an [Eco-Rep](#) for next year! [Applications](#) are due this Friday, March 30th.

On recyclable paper cups and mug drives



You may have already heard the good news: paper cups are now recyclable! That's right-the hot cups you use for tea or coffee can now be placed in paper recycling bins. All hot cups are made with a thin plastic lining that seals them and makes them waterproof, but since plastic only comprises less than 5% of the whole cup, the cup can be recycled as paper. (Just be sure to rinse them out first.)

Of course, the best way to lessen your impact with your morning coffee is to use a reusable mug. The Eco-Ambassadors at University Advancement (UA) - Kim Moniz, Mini Jaikumar, and

Apply to be an Eco-Rep!

Deadline: March 30th



Are you a personable, passionate student who can work independently? Have an interest in

Marny Ashburne - recently pioneered a UA Green Team. Their first program was a Mug Drive and Raffle. The Green Team asked office members to start the New Year by bringing in reusable cups and mugs to use at work.

Every person who brought in a cup or mug could then register with a member of the Green Team and receive a sticker for their mug or glass announcing that "[Name] Thinks Green." Then every Friday for a month, the UA Green Team pulled a name from the list of people with registered mugs to win a \$25 Target gift card. As of the last raffle, about 67% of office staff had participated! [Read more...»](#)



Campus Sustainability Council Update: **Water Working Group Kicks Off**

Since the official announcement from President Tony Monaco last February, members of the Campus Sustainability Council have been getting busy as each of the three working groups (focusing on Water, Energy/Emissions and Waste) began holding their regular meetings. We will highlight each group's progress in the coming weeks.



The [Water Working Group](#) met for the first time on March 2nd and reviewed its roles and responsibilities, which include reviewing current usage, existing initiatives and goals, as well as creating recommendations for goals and implementation plans to present to the Campus Sustainability Council.

The group found that very few institutions of higher education have any public water-related goals. In fact, Johns Hopkins is one of a rare few that have a specific goal (to decrease university wide potable water consumption by 3%). The members also learned that many water-saving initiatives at Tufts are already underway. [Read more...»](#)

Upcoming Events

**March 30 (and every last Friday of the month until Sep 28):
Green Streets Walk/Ride Day Corporate Challenge**

Every last Friday of the month is the [Green Streets Initiative's Walk/Ride Day](#).

Go car-free, [check in](#) your



sustainability or the environment? Live on campus? Then apply to be an **Eco-Rep for the 2012-2013 school year!**

The Eco-Reps program is a dorm-based peer education and sustainability program run through the Tufts Office of Sustainability. Eco-reps increase dorm residents' awareness and knowledge of important issues such as recycling, sustainability, and ecological stewardship and turn that information into action through tips and guidance on how to live sustainably at Tufts

For more info on the Eco-Reps program, click [here](#).

For an application, click [here](#).

RecycleMania

Tufts University

Week 6 Results

#8/23

(DOWN from #6 last week)
in Massachusetts

#8/320

(UP from #9 last week)
in the "*Per Capita Classic*" category

Way to go, Jumbos!

RecycleMania **wraps up on March 30**, as does the Dorm Recycling Competition. Carmichael, Haskell and 10 Winthrop are currently in the lead.

[How is your house/dormitory doing?](#)

Earth Week Events

commute, and help Tufts win the [inaugural Walk/Ride Corporate Challenge!](#) Biking, walking, public transit, telecommuting and carpooling all count. All participants will also be entered into a raffle to win cool prizes. Green your commute now and help create safer, healthier streets!



- [Mar 29: Streettalk - Boston Under After Hours](#)
- [Apr 2: Sustainability & Religion: New Directions in Research and Practice](#)
- [Apr 2-4: Campus, Community and Culture - the Northeast Campus Sustainability Consortium Conference](#)
- [Apr 4: "Defending Eden" Film Screening](#)
- [Apr 4: "The Quest: Energy, Security, and the Modern World"](#)
- [Apr 12: Community Stormwater Conference](#)
- [Apr 13: EBC 8th Annual Environmental, Energy & Engineering Career Fair](#)
- [Apr 14: Vanishing of the Bees](#)
- [Apr 14: Communicating Science Symposium @ Wellesley College](#)
- [Apr 17: Have More Trees on Campus](#)
- [Apr 20-21: Sustainable Communities and Campuses Conference](#)
- <http://sites.tufts.edu/tuftsgetsgreen/2012/02/10/april-20-21-tufts-energy-conference-2012/>
- [Apr 20-21: Tufts Energy Conference 2012](#)

Upcoming Webinars

- [Tuesdays at 3PM: Climate Change Continuing Education Symposia for Faculty](#)
 - Mar 27: David Kitchen, University of Richmond, *Recent Climate Change*
 - Apr 3: Arnold Bloom, Un. California - Davis, *Climate Change and Wine*
- [Apr 4: NCS conference call - Paul Comey, The Climate for Coffee](#)

Contests

- [Apr 1: Focus the Nation Recharge Retreat!](#)



Earth Week: April 16-22

Are you planning an event for April? Is it earth-related? **Tell us about it!**

Submit your event(s) [here](#) if you would like to have it included in the events calendar/listing for Earth Week.

Environmental Calendar

Don't forget that there's an easy way to keep track of what's going on in the Tufts sustainability community: the common Google calendar called [Tufts Environmental Events](#). Additional (including non-Tufts) events are posted regularly on the [TuftsGetsGreen blog](#) and on our [Facebook](#) page. Set up a [dedicated RSS feed](#) to get real-time updates!



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Jobs in Sustainability

- [Multiple positions, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission \(Springfield, MA\)](#)
- [Senior Associate, Clean Energy Program \(Washington, DC\)](#)
- [Part-time Project Manager, Parking & Transportation \(Somerville, MA\)](#)
- [Planner/Conservation Agent, Town of Tewksbury \(Tewksbury, MA\)](#)
- [Sustainability Coordinator, Virginia Tech \(Blacksburg, VA\)](#)

- [Box Turtle Surveyor, Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program \(Westborough, MA\)](#)
- [Senior Associate: Energy Evaluation, EDR Group \(Boston, MA\)](#)
- [Program Manager, the 11th Hour Project \(Palo Alto, CA\)](#)
- [Livable Memphis Program Coordinator \(Memphis, TN\)](#)
- [Environmental Sustainability Fellow \(Oberlin, OH\)](#)
- [Summer Planning internship, Town of Ipswich Department of Planning \(Ipswich, MA\)](#)

Job opportunities are posted regularly on the [TuftsGetsGreen blog](#) 
Set up a [dedicated RSS feed](#) for the "Career" category so you never miss another post! Additional internship and academic opportunities may be found at the [Environmental Studies Program blog](#) .

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