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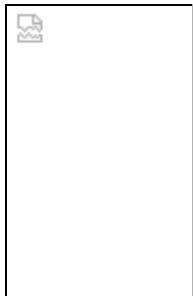
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## Greetings!

First of all, congratulations to the Class of 2012, especially to our graduating interns! We couldn't have accomplished so much in the last year without their contributions.



*Katherine Sawyer*



*Jen Kleindienst*

Katherine Sawyer was a tremendous help with coordinating the behind-the-scenes logistics of the [Campus Sustainability Council](#); Hannah Kahler was instrumental in putting together the [Green Office Certification Program](#);



*Rachael Wolber*



*Hannah Kahler*

Rachael Wolber co-coordinated the [Eco-Reps](#) and helped Tufts get its [Silver STARS rating with AASHE](#). Jen Kleindienst, who did her internship for her Masters in Environmental Studies from Antioch University at OOS, developed a condensed [Eco-Ambassador program](#) for Boston last spring (and then graduated!). We will miss you all very much at the Office of Sustainability!

In the coming weeks, [our website](#) is undergoing major redesign as we convert to a new system and it is only one of many things crying for an update. Our newsletter will be shifting to its summer schedule (monthly vs. weekly) for some tinkering behind the hood as well. Our [blog](#), [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter feed](#) will continue to be updated every few days, so please remember to follow our social media channels if you'd like to stay in touch.

We leave you for now with a newsletter full of exciting news! Read about the newly certified Green Offices, Tufts' accomplishments with greener commutes, an update from the third working group of the Campus Sustainability Council, and of course, the usual dose of new jobs and events.

Have a great summer ahead!

*Fannie*

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### Annual Eco-Ambassador Luncheon

## Tisch Library receives the first Green Office Gold Certification

This spring, the Office of Sustainability finally launched a new program to recognize, support and promote offices that are engaging in sustainable practices. The Green

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Carol Ellis accepts the Green Office Certificate on behalf of Tisch Library

Office Certification program has four levels of certification: Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum.

Congratulations to the [Tisch Library](#) for being the first office to achieve Gold level Green Office Certification, and to the [Department of Environmental and Population Health](#), [Ginn Library at the Fletcher School](#) and [Tufts Renewable Energy & Applied Photonics](#)

[\(REAP\) Labs](#) for achieving the Bronze level of office sustainability! [Read more >>](#)

For pictures from the Eco-Ambassador Luncheon, visit the [photo gallery](#) on the Office of Sustainability website.



Tufts' 2012 Mass ECO Pinnacle Award

## [Tufts wins 2012 Pinnacle Award for Excellence in Commuter Options](#)

Every year, MassCommute and MassDOT recognizes employer's efforts toward making a more sustainable Massachusetts at the [Massachusetts Excellence in Commuter Options \(ECO\) Awards](#). Tufts University was named a Pinnacle employer at the 2012 Massachusetts ECO Awards last month. There are three levels of recognition depending on the number of transportation benefits programs an employer offers: Pacesetter, Leader and

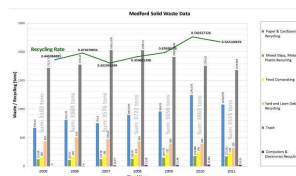
## [Upcoming Events](#)

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## [Waste Working Group](#)

Since the beginning of March, the three Working Groups of the Campus Sustainability Council have been meeting to discuss the current state of energy/emissions, water, and waste policies and practices at Tufts, and to create new policy measures in these areas. The Waste Working Group met for the first time on March 12th.



Campus Solid Waste Statistics are available on [the TuftsRecycles! blog](#)

The group reviewed how Tufts manages its waste as well as consumption data. They learned that causes of waste output variations are usually hard to determine but that waste increases noticeably during a strong economy and times of high consumption, and that reduced consumption and reusing materials could impact waste output considerably. [Read More»](#)

## [Have you tried the Tufts EcoTour?](#)

Look for the distinctive signs around campus with leafy green tree and a QR code for branches. Scan the QR Code with a smart phone to find out more about each location. If you complete the tour and make it to the last stop (there are 10, half of them uphill and half of them downhill), you get a prize from the Office of Sustainability!

Pinnacle. Tufts was recognized in last year's ECO Awards as a Leader and moved up this year to become a Pinnacle employer. [Read more»](#)

## Tufts finishes 2012 Mass Commute Challenge with 981 miles



Ken Olum on his bike

The Office of Sustainability would like to thank all 35 individuals who took part in the Bay State Bike Week Mass Commute Challenge last week!

Tufts finished with 981 miles as a team (including 53 miles from the Medical Center in Boston). Among those who took the challenge was Ken Olum from the Department of Physics & Astronomy. "I live in Sharon, a bit over 25 miles from campus," Ken told us over email.

"Normally I bike to the Sharon train station, ride the train to South Station and the red line to Davis, and bike from there." For the MassCommute Challenge, Ken upped the ante. [Read more >>](#)

NOTE: The Office of Sustainability is giving away a 2012 Mass Commute "Bike Curious?" t-shirt for the person who rode the most number of miles for the Challenge last week, so [email us](#) with your mileage totals so we can put you in the running for the free shirt!



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### 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](#) 
- Our [Facebook page](#) 

Follow our [Twitter feed](#)  has day-of event reminders.

## Upcoming Events

May 25 (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 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!



[More Events](#)

- [Jun 2: Boston Organics 10th Anniversary Celebration](#)
- [Jun 17-19: ACPA Institute on Sustainability Conference, Boulder CO](#)
- [Jun 20-22: Permaculture Your Campus Conference \(UMass Amherst, MA\)](#)
- [Jun 22-24: 6th Annual Biomimicry Education Summit \(Portland, OR\)](#)
- [Aug 11-19: Suburban Permaculture Design & Leadership Course, Common Circle \(Eugene, OR\)](#)
- [Sep 21: New England Campus Sustainability Forum \(Boston, MA\)](#)

### Upcoming Webinars

- [May 30: Power Purchase Agreements - The Key to Renewable Energy](#)
- [Spring of Sustainability, free online tele-seminars Monday to Friday until June 22](#)

### Contests

- [Student Film Project: Share your story of sustainability \(Deadline May 25\)](#)

## Jobs in Sustainability

- [Summer intern, Teens Turning Green \(Sausalito, CA\)](#)
- [Program Manager, Sustainability Leadership Program \(Portland/Eugene, OR\)](#)
- [Sustainability Communications and Marketing Manager \(Amherst, MA\)](#)
- [Summer staff, Jobs for Good Causes \(Boston, MA\)](#)
- [Various positions, Environmental Protection Agency \(Boston, MA\)](#)
- [Garden Program Coordinator, Growing Places Garden Project \(Clinton, MA\)](#)
- [Americorps VISTA \(Central MA\)](#)
- [Data Collection and Research Intern, Metropolitan Area Planning Council \(Boston, MA\)](#)
- [Summer Internship, Purpose \(New York, NY\)](#)
- [Sustainability and Food Sourcing Coordinator, Yale Univ \(New Haven, CT\)](#)
- [Program Assistant, The Carrot Project \(Boston, MA\)](#)
- [Research Intern, Center for Environmental Innovation \(Prescott, AZ\)](#)
- [Electronic Survey Intern, Department Public Works \(Winchester, MA\)](#)
- [Internships, Environmental Protection Agency \(New England\)](#)

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!

Additional internship and academic opportunities may be found at the [Environmental Studies Program blog](#).

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