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Dear Tufts Environmental,

The Office of Sustainability was featured in today's *Tufts Daily* for the silver rating the university received from the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS). The rating system is run by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) and gives colleges and universities sustainability ratings based on self-reported data. Tufts earned a silver rating with 62.73 points, just shy of the 65 needed for a gold. Rachael Wolber, an intern here at the Office of Sustainability, was largely responsible for compiling and submitting the data for the 2011 STARS report. This reporting system allows schools to see what kind of programs other schools have implemented with regards to sustainability, and allows them to look at ways to improve. Tufts' STARS report was submitted under version 1.0, which uses 2005 as a base year for comparison in many categories. This puts Tufts at slight disadvantage, considering, for example, we have been recycling since 1990 while many schools have only recently begun to do so. While there is still definite room for improvement in on-campus sustainability and we hope to address some of the issues with version 1.0 in the next version of the rating system, for now Tufts can be very proud of its efforts to become a truly sustainable institution. Congratulations everyone!



- Nick

Upcoming Events

New events are posted regularly on the [TuftsGetsGreen blog](#)  and also on our [Facebook](#)  page. Set up a [dedicated RSS feed](#) for the "Events" category to get real-time updates.

Environmental Studies Program Track Focus Group



November 8, 2011, 12-1pm, TIE Conference Room, Miller Hall-East Rear Door, Medford Campus. Please RSVP [here](#).

The ENVS Program will be holding another focus group to get student opinions on the new tracks being

Green Media

This week the world population hit a record 7 billion. Watch this informative video from National Geographic to see what this means for our planet and civilization.





considered for the program. Come and learn about the tracks proposed, meet the Director and Program Coordinator, ask questions, and give feedback as the Executive Committee continues to develop the program.

Please RSVP using the Doodle poll link above.

- ["GROWTHBUSTERS: HOOKED ON GROWTH" Documentary](#)
- [Nov 5: Fall Greening the School Conference 2011](#)
- [Environmental Study Focus Groups](#)
- [Nov 14: Renewable Energy and Climate Change: The IPCC Report](#)
- [Nov 9: Plastic Ocean Event at Boston University](#)
- [Nov 14: Jumpstart Your Ideas in Energy!](#)

Contests

- [America's Next Eco-Star](#) (Jan 31 deadline - win a trip to the Salzburg Global Seminar in Austria)
- [Seek Energy Innovation Competition](#) (Nov 4 - \$3,000 grand prize)


7 Billion, National Geographic Magazine

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](#) .

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Jobs in Sustainability

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- [Better Future Project 2012 Summer Internship](#)
- [Fellowship, Sustainable Agriculture, Williams College](#)
- [Digital Sustainability Communications Coordinator, Harvard University](#)
- [Conservation Agent, Norwell Conservation Commission, Town of Norwell, MA](#)
- [EcoHouse Program Coordinator, U Connecticut](#)
- [Job Opportunity in Food System and Land Use Mapping and Research](#)
- [Sustainability Program Manager, GreenerU](#)
- [Community Carbon Fund Project Coordinator, Yale University](#)
- [Green Streets Coordinator \(Cambridge, MA\)](#)

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

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