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Dear Tufts Environmental,

Welcome to autumn, everyone! The leaves are bursting into color around us, farmers are starting their fall harvests, and there is already so much to be thankful for!

Recent community events have kept our office as bustling as ever, with the [Peace and Justice Studies Association conference](#) on campus two weeks ago and this Saturday's [Harvest Your Energy Festival](#) put on by the city of Medford. The festival took place beneath the wind turbine at McGlynn Middle School, where booths featured local energy companies, resources, and student presentations on renewable energy sources. All the while, hot dogs and salmon burgers sizzled on the grill, a bike powered band played, and the Office of Sustainability connected with Medford families of all ages who wanted to know more about what they could do to live more sustainably.



*President Monaco and Tufts staff accept award from Mayor McGlynn*

Tufts wasn't only present to befriend the locals, however! The university received a [Medford Green Award](#) from Mayor McGlynn for its energy-use reduction efforts! The award was accepted by President Tony Monaco; Tina Woolston, director of the Office of Sustainability; and Dawn Quirk, director of Tufts Recycles.

I hope your weekend was as fruitful as ours, and the best is yet to come! Keep your eyes and ears open for all the environmental events coming up related to Campus Sustainability Day, International Climate Day, and National Food Day -- all on October 24th!

Our office alone is involved in many events in the upcoming weeks, including [The Story of Bananas Dinner at Dewick](#), [Annie Leonard's Talk and Q & A Session](#), [The Eco-Reps Campus Wide Zero-Waste Challenge](#), and the construction of the **Mount Trashmore Range Oct. 24** during open block on the RezQuad! You can participate in all these events and more, as the university has stuffed in a wealth of activities to celebrate the day! Just take a look at our blog's shiny, new [Events Calendar](#) for full details on all things October 24th!

See you outside,

- Anne Elise  
Communications Intern, Office of Sustainability

## Tufts Zero-Waste Challenge

Try It! Oct. 17-24

## On-Campus EVENT

Oct. 24: "The Story of Bananas" at Dewick Dining Hall



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What would you do to avoid generating trash if you couldn't just throw it away in the nearest waste basket? Find out by participating in the Zero-Waste Challenge for one week! Starting this Wednesday Tufts Eco Reps will be recruiting 200 adventurous souls to join them in examining how one's attitude changes when trash doesn't just 'disappear' from sight and mind after it's created.

Challenge participants will place every item that they do not recycle or otherwise divert from the trashcan into a clear plastic bag attached to the outside of their book bag. At the end of the week, participants drop their bags off at Mt. Trashmore on the Rez Quad and compare it to the amount of trash generated by residents in a similarly sized dorm. The Eco-Reps will share our results with Annie Leonard later that evening. We need 200 people to compete to make the comparison work - will you be one of them?

**To join the Challenge, pick up your free Challenge Kit from your Eco-Rep, or at the Crafts House and the Office of Sustainability in the rear of Miller Hall [Read more>>](#)**

## Visit the Mt. Trashmore Range!

Trash collected from Miller, Wren, Carmichael, Houston, and Hill Halls will be set up in individual "mountains of trash" on the Rez Quad on October 24th in conjunction with [Campus Sustainability Day](#) and Annie Leonard's visit to campus. Stay tuned for more info.

## The Story of Change

If you've seen all the other Annie Leonard videos and just can't get enough, here's the newest contribution to the [Story of Stuff Project](#), for your viewing pleasure!



Tufts Dining, Moral Voices, and Tufts Sustainability Collective present "The Story of Bananas," a cradle to grave look into bananas modeled off of Annie Leonard's [Story of Stuff Project](#) and the [2012 Common Reading book: The Story of Stuff](#). Since bananas are the most popular fruit

taken from Tufts' dining halls and eaten globally, this exhibit seeks to educate diners about the path of this delicious fruit from farm to plate to compost heap.

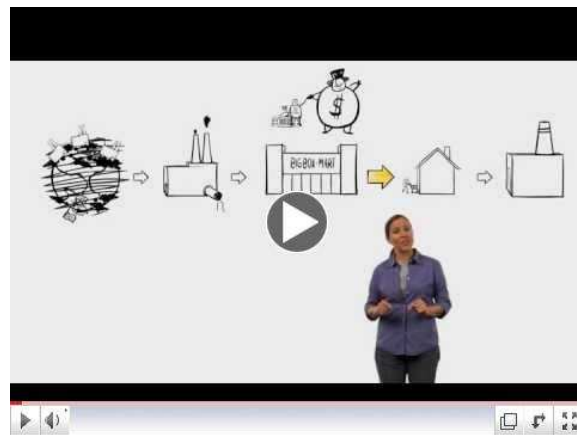
Activities and official festivities, including a chocolate banana-dipping station and interactive game, will occur during dinnertime from 5-8pm.

Want to know more? [Check out our blogpost](#)

## Annie Leonard Talk and Q&A

As part of the activities surrounding this year's undergraduate common reading book *The Story of Stuff*, author Annie Leonard will be coming to campus for a Talk, Question and Answer Session and Book Signing on October 24th at 8 PM in the Cohen Auditorium.

The event is free, but you must pick up a ticket at the Aidekman Arts Center Box Office.



Story of Stuff (2007, OFFICIAL Version)

The sponsorship for the event is a collaboration between the Office of Undergraduate Education, Tufts Institute of the Environment, the Office of Residential Life and Learning, Tisch Library, the Office of Sustainability, the Office of Campus Life, and the Department of Environmental Studies.

## Coming Up



The Story of Change (2012)



October 15 - November 15, 2012

## More Events

- **Oct. 15-19:** Used Athletic Shoe Collection at Tisch Library
- **Oct. 16:** Pickling Workshop
- **Oct. 18:** Lunch & Learn: People vs. Places: Investing in Emerging Environmental Leaders
- **Oct. 20:** Arts Exhibition Tours of Food-Water-Life/Lucy+Jorge Orta
- **Oct. 22-26:** FOOD WEEK AT TUFTS
- **Oct. 24:** The Story of Bananas Dinner at Dewick
- **Oct. 24:** Talk, Question & Answer Session with Annie Leonard
- **Oct. 25-27:** Net Impact Conference
- **Oct. 25:** Lunch & Learn: The Economics of Brownfields
- **Oct. 27:** Urban Foraging Workshop



## Contests

- **Oct. 17-24:** Eco Reps Zero-Waste Challenge!
- **Oct. 19:** 2nd Annual Undergraduate Environmental Photo Contest
- **Nov. 15:** Cool Science Art Competition

Visit the [Tufts Environmental Calendar](#) or subscribe to [our Events RSS feed](#) for more frequent updates.

## Jobs in Sustainability

- [Built Environmental Specialist Assistant \(New York\)](#)
- [Community Organizer - Community Labor United \(Boston\)](#)
- [O'Neill Institute Associate \(Washington, D.C.\)](#)
- [Government Affairs Intern \(Boston\)](#)
- [Affiliated Network Department Intern - Membership Assistant \(Somerville, MA\)](#)
- [Intern, Boston Cyclist Union \(Boston\)](#)
- [Student Organizers, Tufts Energy Conference 2013](#)
- [Ecological Agricultural Economist \(Costa Rica\)](#)

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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