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CAMPUS EARTH MONTH

Campus Earth Month consists of in-person and virtual events all throughout April! The goal of this celebration is to serve as an arena for sustainability awareness and education. We want everyone to be effective leaders in their environment. We aim to expose, educate, and empower attendees with the skills they need to be more sustainable—environmentally, socially, and economically.

Collect code by words by attending events and keeping an eye out on our social media! Each word you collect will earn you an entry into the Campus Earth Month giveaway. Earn more entries by completing the actions listed on our website.

The more entries you earn, the better your odds are for winning an amazing prize!

Send all code words in one email to sustainability@tamu.edu by April 21, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.

There will be 5 tier 3 prize winners, 2 tier 2 prize winners, and 1 GRAND PRIZE winner, along with other opportunities to win rewards! The drawing will be on April 26.

We hope you have a wonderful time learning and socializing with your Aggie community this month.

Instagram: @sustainabletamu





HISTORY OF EARTH DAY: STUDENTS CHANGING THE WORLD

1960s: The Start of the US Environmental Movement

Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* (1962) stirred up public dialogue about the dangers of pesticides. Because of the pressure of this movement, many environmental laws were passed.

Clean Air Act

Marine Mammal Protection Act

Resource Conservation
and Recovery Act

Federal Water Pollution
Control Act Amendments

National Environmental Policy Act

Endangered Species Act

1970: The First Earth Day

Senator Gaylord Nelson inspired a country-wide teach-in covering environmental issues in higher education.

Originally "Environmental Teach-In Day," Denis Hayes helped rename it "Earth Day," choosing April 22nd because it aligned best with students' academic schedule.

The First Earth Day: An estimated 20 million people nationwide, including millions of students from thousands of universities and colleges, participated in rallies and marches to push for prioritization of environmental policy.



Now, over 141 countries celebrate Earth Day on April 22!

AGF GRANT: FOREVER CHANGING THE HOWDY FARM



In 2019, the Aggie Green Fund approved a grant for TAMU Urban Farm United (TUFU), a micro-farm project utilizing vertical farming techniques to grow fresh food. Vertical aeroponic systems produce high-value/specialty crops in a space-conscious technique reducing water consumption and the need for pesticides. This project also raises awareness of food insecurity and environmental health, while community building through volunteering.



Sign up to volunteer at the farm on [their website](https://www.tamuhowdyfarm.com)

Every semester, interns of the Office of Sustainability & Campus Enrichment volunteer at the farm, harvesting crops from these towers.

First goal: to distribute the fresh food to 12th Can, TAMU's food pantry. The patrons of 12th Can will harvest fresh, organic produce directly off the towers, allowing for hyper-local food consumption.



pictures from [tamuhowdyfarm.weebly.com](https://www.tamuhowdyfarm.com)



Aggie Green Fund

Dr. Dave Tarvin

Instructional Associate Professor,
Director of the Department of Communication &
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My three areas of focus are rhetoric, humor, and sustainability. I am interested in the persuasive strategies we can develop for communicating sustainability more effectively to gain widespread adoption of sustainable practices. I'm specifically interested in rhetorically analyzing humorous examples that counter the tragedy of circumstance and motivate collective action.

I am motivated by my students. What is the purpose of an educator? I believe it is to make an engaged citizenry capable of responding ethically to the responsibilities the future holds. When my students utilize their understandings from class to help them achieve or do something that benefits our community, I am inspired.

Dr. Dave Tarvin has been at Texas A&M for 9 years, teaching courses in public speaking, intercultural communication, and rhetorical theory, as well as serving as the department coordinator for education abroad.



A sloth Dr. Tarvin crocheted out of plastic grocery bags.



Dr. Tarvin and his students on a study abroad trip in Sicily.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tune in to our Intern Talks!



April 3 11:00 - 11:30 AM

Impacts of Urbanization and Light Pollution on Butterflies and Birds

April 5 11:00 - 11:30 AM

River Pollution Impacts and Solutions

April 8 11:00 - 11:30 AM

Sustainable Production and Consumption of Coffee

April 12 10:00 - 10:30 AM

What about Veganism?



**POSITIONS NOW OPEN:
SUSTAINABILITY OUTREACH
SPECIALIST INTERN**

- ▶ 8 INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE
- ▶ ON-CAMPUS
- ▶ ALL MAJORS WELCOME
- ▶ OPEN TO UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
4/21/2024 @ 5 PM**





APRIL EVENTS

APRIL 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



- 1- EARTH MONTH | ALL MONTH | IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL EVENTS
- 1- THE ART OF TEXAS STATE PARKS | ALL DAY | STARK GALLERIES MSC 1110
- 3- TAKE BACK THE NIGHT | 6-8:30PM | AGGIE PARK
- 3- LET'S TALK | 1-3PM | EVANS LIBRARY 204F
- 4- ASIAN AMERICAN POPULAR CULTURE SYMPOSIUM | 4-7PM | MSC 2405
- 4- LESSONS FROM A LONG WAR: THE U.S. AND THE MIDDLE EAST | 5:30-6:30PM | ANNENBERG PRESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE CENTER
- 5- THE CLOSET SHOW CASE | ALL DAY | SSB 210
- 5- FIRST FRIDAY | 5-10PM | DOWNTOWN BRYAN
- 6- SHATTER: A SURVIVOR FASHION SHOW | 7-8:30PM | THE SHIRLEY & JOE SWINBANK '74 AGRILIFE CENTER
- 7- KYLE FIELD DAY | ALL DAY | KYLE FIELD
- 8- STAND UP TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE FOR STUDENTS | 7-8PM | ZOOM
- 10- TREES: YOUR LANDSCAPE LEGACY WEBINAR | 10AM-12PM | ZOOM
- 12- FAMILY WEEKEND MUSICAL BINGO | 5:30-7:30PM | RUDDER EXHIBIT HALL
- 13- WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES OPEN HOUSE | 10AM-12PM | LAAH 326
- 13- LATINX CULTURAL ARTS: UNA NOCHE DE FLORES | 7-8:30 PM | RUDDER FORUM
- 13- PHYSICS AND ENGINEERING FESTIVAL | 10-4:30 PM | MITCHELL PHYSICS BUILDING
- 17- CAMPUS EARTH DAY | 10AM-1PM | RUDDER PLAZA
- 17- ONEOP WEBINAR: IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELLNESS BY GETTING OUTSIDE | 10-11 AM
- 18- APRIL GROCERY STORE TOURS | 1:30-3:30 PM | HEB
- 20- THE GARDENS HULLABLOOM FEST | 9-11:30AM | THE GARDENS
- 21- AGGIE MUSTER | 7 PM | REED ARENA
- 22- **EARTH DAY!**
- 26- HYDROPONICS AND AQUAPONICS WORKSHOP | 9AM-4PM | VIRTUAL