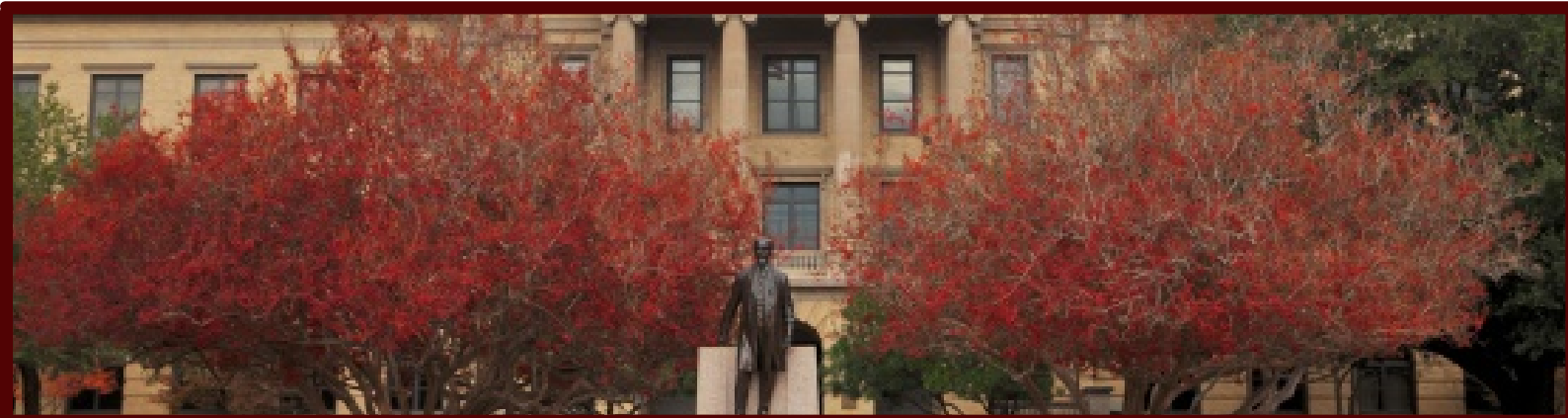


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Spooky Sustainability Tips



- #1. Reuse decorations from previous years instead of buying new ones.
- #2. Use pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks, and leaves as decorations. These items are biodegradable and compostable.
- #3. After carving your pumpkin, cook the seeds for a healthy snack and use the pumpkin flesh for pies, soups, or bread.
- #4. Create costumes using items you already have, or upcycle old clothes and fabrics.
- #5. Opt for paper wrapped candy instead of plastic.
- #6. Instead of plastic bags, use reusable cloth bags, old pillowcases, or baskets for trick-or-treating.
- #7. After Halloween, compost your carved jack-o-lanterns.



October is Campus Sustainability Month!

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|---|---|---|----------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | 1 <u>MAJOR GRANT APPS OPEN</u> | 2 <u>MAJOR GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP</u> | 3 | 4 <u>FIRST FRIDAY</u> | 5 |
| 6 | 7 <u>SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPION AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN</u> | 8 <u>INTERNSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN</u> | 9 | 10 | 11 <u>INTERN TALK</u> | 12 <u>EHS STREAM CLEAN</u> |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16  <u>CSD</u> | 17 | 18 <u>INTERN TALK</u> | 19 |
| 20 | 21 <u>INTERN TALK</u> | 22 | 23 <u>INTERN TALK</u> | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

Intern Talks:

- Oct 11: Should I Stay or Should I Go: What Hurricane Ratings Fail to Communicate
- Oct 18: Wolves, and Bison, and Bears, Oh My!
- Oct 21: Is fair trade truly effective? A Case Study in Two Industries
- Oct 23: The Hitchhiker's Guide to Urban Sprawling

For more information check out the online events calendar:
calendar.tamu.edu/sustainability/month



INTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

CHALLENGE WORKS!



During their second week of the semester, our interns went to ChallengeWorks to support team bonding and development.

Some of their key takeaways included:

- failure is part of learning, try to "fail forward"
- we are capable of more than we think
- group support helps to push ourselves
- communication is key to success in all areas



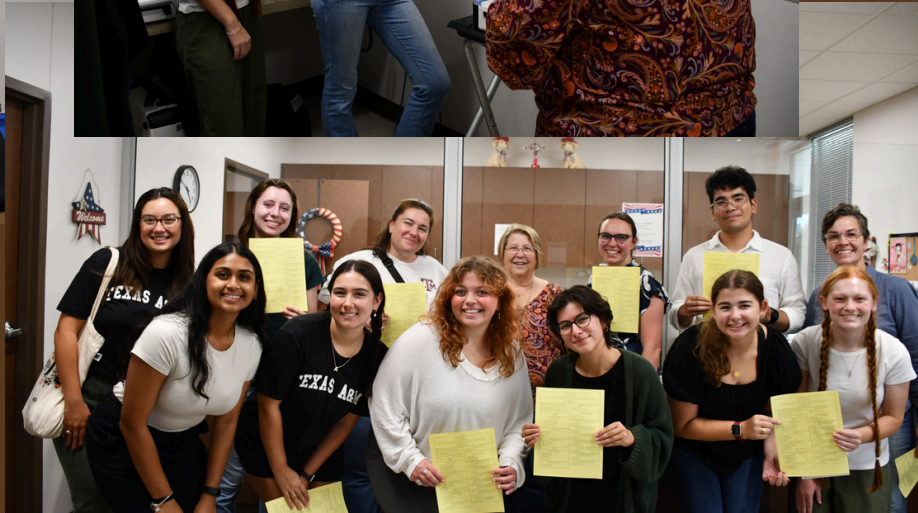
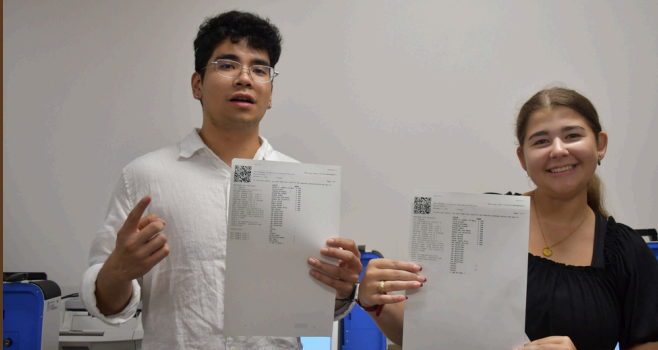
INTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

ELECTION ADMINISTRATION!!

Our interns visited the Brazos County Elections Administration Office on Sept 6th to learn about voter registration, election procedures and to test the voting machines.

County Elections Administrator Trudy Hancock and her team gave us a phenomenal tour, and equipped our interns with the knowledge they need to help other students learn how to register to vote and cast their ballot in future elections.

Following the visit, the interns completed an AMA (Ask Me Anything) on our social media and answered student questions about elections based on what they learned.





The Aggie Green Fund has put out its annual report!

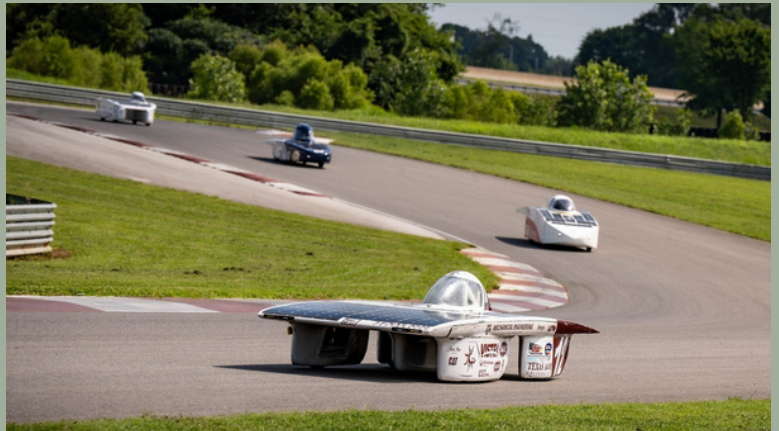
MAJOR GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

\$169,815.19

out of \$2,738,720.88 all time awarded

Major Grants:

- Bush School Bottle Filling Stations
- MSC Student Programs Office LED Lights
- Texas A&M Solar Car Racing Team
- Sustainable Furniture for Forster Courtyard



MICRO GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

\$18,056.32

out of \$133,270.13 all time awarded

Micro Grants:

- Fill-It-Forward Campaign
- Aerogarden
- Earth Month Textile Recycling
- Menstrual Product Availability
- + MORE!



To read the whole report, go to greenfund.tamu.edu/



ASA TRIVIA SOCIAL

THE ASA HOSTED ITS VERY FIRST SOCIAL. SUSTAINABILITY TRIVIA!



We had a blast playing trivia, eating snacks, and connecting with fellow sustainability-minded people!



Congratulations to our winning team, Quite Sust!

Be on the lookout for future events!





Our Staff Spotlight this month is...



Although born near Lake Erie, Snow grew up mostly in land-locked Kansas. The first time she visited a beach and saw the ocean, she was in LOVE!

A little not-so-unknown fact about her is that she is a HUGE Parrothead. Her first attraction was to the lifestyle Jimmy Buffett portrayed.

Snow Havlik!



However, the more she listened to his music and read about his interests and passions, the more she grew to respect the gifts of nature and everything the earth provides for us.

She wanted to do her part to preserve what we have so that others could also find happiness and solace in the beauty that surrounds us. When Snow arrived in Aggieland in 2016 she knew nothing of the Aggie traditions nor the rich history of our University.



SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT



When she found herself in the Office of the Registrar, that began to change. It didn't take long for her to recognize there was something different about the people and the culture in the office.

Each day she is still humbled by the dedication and commitment shown by everyone to not only doing the job and doing it well, but to each other.

A large majority of the office set out to become members of the ASA. When they realized the number of folks in their office who were driven to make a difference, they set their sights on becoming a certified Sustainable Office.

The office embraced the changes necessary to earn their office certification, but they won't stop there.

There's excitement around finding other ways to decrease their carbon footprint both at the office and at home. Snow is proud to say, "REGI is making a difference!"

