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SUSTAINABLE THANKSGIVING



- 1. Source locally:** Buy ingredients from local farmers or markets.
- 2. Reduce waste:** Use reusable or compostable dishware.
- 3. Plan portions:** Cook only what you need to minimize food waste.
- 4. Opt for plant-based dishes:** Incorporate more vegetables or meat alternatives.
- 5. Use natural decor:** Decorate with seasonal items like pumpkins, leaves, or pinecones.
- 6. Compost leftovers:** Compost food scraps instead of trashing them.
- 7. Travel mindfully:** Carpool or use public transport to reduce your carbon footprint.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 MAJOR GRANT ABSTRACTS DUE	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 INTERNSHIP APPS CLOSE	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL: SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP	18 PDSN EVENT	19	20	21	22 SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPION AWARD NOMINATIONS CLOSE	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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



INTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

**THIS MONTH, THE INTERNS GAVE THEIR CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY MONTH TALKS!
IF YOU MISSED THE LIVE SESSION, YOU CAN WATCH THEM AT ANY TIME ON YOUTUBE!**

Should I Stay or Should I Go: What Hurricane Ratings Fail to Communicate

WWW.TX.AG/HURRICANERATING

You've probably heard news stations talking about an approaching category four hurricane, but do you really know what that means? As it turns out, our hurricane rating system fails to consider important ingredients of the storm, so it may not mean what you think. Understanding the full scope of hurricane hazards, even beyond what is considered in the rating system, is crucial for your safety during one of these extreme weather events.

Wolves, Bison & Bears Oh My!

WWW.TX.AG/WOLVESBISONBEARS

The National Park Service has been a crucial part in conserving the beautiful ecosystems in the United States, but how did it start and what is conservation? Join us as we take a look back on the history of the science of conservation and National Parks to learn how important they are to protecting our amazing lands!

The Hitchhiker's Guide to Urban Sprawl

WWW.TX.AG/HITCHHIKER

"In the beginning urban sprawling was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and been widely regarded as a bad move."

- Douglas Adams, probably.

Could you imagine yourself living within a 15 minutes walking-distance to the nearest grocery store, doctor's office, park, friend, or family member? Join us to learn about the causes and effects urban sprawl has on our society, economy, and environment, what we can do to alleviate the sprawl, and how to prevent Vogons from developing a hyperspace bypass on your property. It's a maybe on the last one.

Is Fair Trade Truly Effective: A Case Study in Two Industries

WWW.TX.AG/FAIRTRADE

Many products we encounter in our daily lives, produced by powerful multinational corporations, often have unsustainable and exploitative origins. The fair trade model seeks to address this issue by ensuring fair labor practices and adequate compensation for producers. Join us as we analyze the impact of fair trade in the cocoa and fashion industries, examining how it differs from the current status quo and evaluating its sustainability and viability.

TO WATCH THEM ALL, CLICK HERE: TX.AG/CSMTALKS24

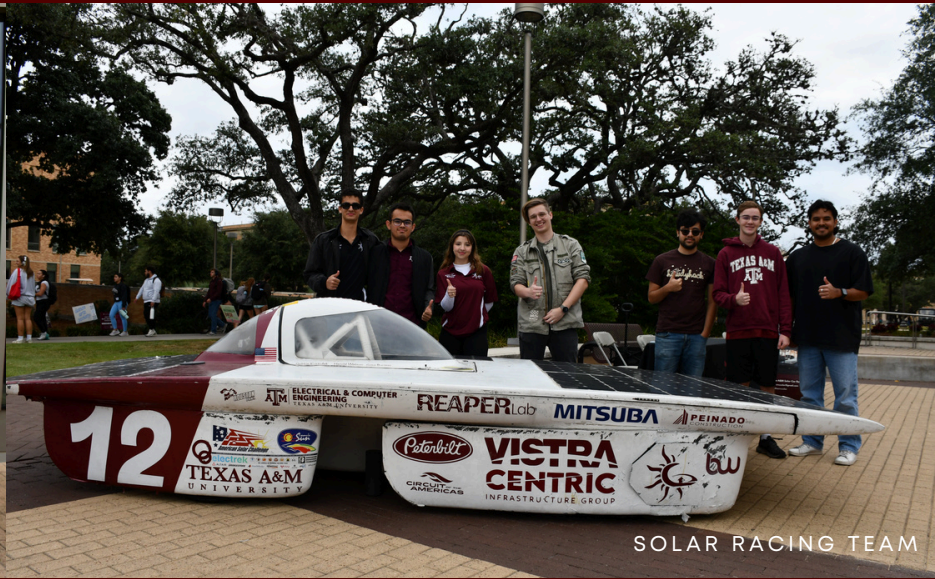


CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY DAY

ON OCTOBER 16TH, THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY & CAMPUS ENRICHMENT HAD ITS ANNUAL CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY DAY!



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SOLAR RACING TEAM

WE HAD SOME AMAZING CAMPUS ORGS COME AND JOIN US TO TEACH STUDENTS ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY!



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AGGIE REPLANT

WE GAVE OUT 100 SHIRTS



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CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY DAY



AT THE INTERN TABLES AGGIES LEARNED ABOUT GERRYMANDERING, FAST FASHION, POLLINATORS, AND ALTERNATIVE PROTEINS!



DID YOU TRY CRICKETS?



WEEK WITHOUT DRIVING

OUR SUSTAINABILITY TEAM PARTICIPATED IN A WEEK WITHOUT DRIVING (SEPTEMBER 30- OCTOBER 6)



THERE WAS A LOT OF BIKING...



WALKING...



It was definitely a challenge for our team, and helped us learn more about sustainable transportation and our own habits!



AND TAKING THE BUS!

➤➤➤ AASHE CONFERENCE

The team travelled to Anaheim, CA to attend the AASHE (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education) Conference!



We learned a lot from other institutions about sustainability on their campuses, and how we can apply it at TAMU!



and saw some old friends!



We also made some connections with other institutions...





Our Faculty Spotlight this month is...

Dr. Jim Ball!



**Academy for the Visual &
Performing Arts**

Dr. Ball is the Director for the Academy for Visual and Performing Arts, as well as the Associate Dean of the College of Performance Visualization Fine Arts. He has worked at Texas A&M since July of 2015, almost a decade.

Through his work, he brings fine arts performances to campus and talks about elevating the arts ecology at TAMU. He talks about sustainability, the arts, and creativity and how having those elements are an important aspect of leading people towards sustainable lives.

What is the focus of your work or research?

“Change the world, just want to change the world. Make it a better place for everyone to live. I'd say specifically, my motivation with politics theater ... When people talk about the theatricality of politics, they're usually being really negative about that, whereas I think that there's an opportunity there to strengthen our democratic institutions if we take the theatricality of them very seriously. That motivates me as well as for people to stop giving theater a bad name. I do believe strongly in the capacity of the arts to make the world a better place”



In your opinion, why is research in different areas of sustainability important?

“Because I think that there won't be an endpoint to sustainability. We're always going to be calibrating how we as a species relate to the world, to each other and to the world around us. And if we think that we've have it all figured out at one moment then as everything changes around us, we're lost. So we need to be constantly adapting and that means doing research. Doing these sorts of research to discover how the world around us is changing because it's not a stable place. And that's okay.”



PRESENTING RESEARCH



DURING METABOLISM: A HAPPENING

What is the biggest takeaway from your research/work?

“It's the idea that theatricality and spectatorship are not disempowering in politics, but in fact we can act in politics as spectators. That we have agency as spectators to have an impact and sort of to transform our political systems to a greater or lesser degree. Our institutions are intrinsically theatrical, which provides us the means to engage with them and impact them as citizens.”