

# AGGIE SUSTAINABILITY ALLIANCE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



**Women's History Month highlights the often overlooked achievements of women in various fields, including science, politics, arts, and social movements. It aims to inspire future generations by showcasing the impact women have had throughout history.**

### Ways to Celebrate:

- **Educate yourself about women's history and accomplishments**
- **Shop from women-owned businesses**
- **Honor women in your life**
- **Advocate for women's rights, healthcare, and education**



## 68.03

2024 STARS Score



## 47.51

2012 Original  
STARS Score



## 97.7%

data accuracy, awarded top performer by AASHE STARS

**Texas A&M University monitors institutional sustainability performance annually using the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS).**

**STARS is a program managed by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).**

**TAMU just received our most recent STARS score — 68.03.**

**This score puts us at STARS Gold again. TAMU has been STARS Gold since 2016.**

**This year we also accomplished a more personal goal—beating t.u.’s STARS score (67.80).**

# » SUSTAINABILITY HIGHLIGHT REPORT

The Office of Sustainability & Campus Enrichment has released their **2024 Sustainability Highlight Report**.

## Some Key Highlights:



**\$2.2M**

student savings from library materials



**70%**

of Texas A&M departments with sponsored researchers conduct sustainability research



**10%**

reduction in Scope 1 & 2 emissions in the last year



**46%**

of students participate in documented community service



**\$1.1M**

committed annually to address food insecurity on campus



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Office of Sustainability &  
Campus Enrichment



**2024  
SUSTAINABILITY  
HIGHLIGHTS**



**\$188K**

awarded in Aggie Green Funds grants in 2024

To see more, visit:  
[tx.ag/2024SustHighlights](https://tx.ag/2024SustHighlights)

# T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Our current shirt is retiring. Help us **design a new shirt!**

**MARCH 1 - MARCH 23**

**\$500**

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO WINNER**



Bento boxes will be rewarded to first 50 submissions



(old design, we'll miss you)



Visit [tx.ag/DesignContest](https://tx.ag/DesignContest) for all design guidelines and submission requirements



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**STUDENTS  
ONLY!**



AGGIE SUSTAINABILITY  
ALLIANCE

presents:

**PIZZA AND  
PRIZES  
PROVIDED**

# TRIVIA NIGHT

**TEST YOUR SUSTAINABILITY  
KNOWLEDGE!**

**MARCH 4  
RUDDER 401  
5:30-6:30**

## The Sustainability Workshop was a success!

We gave away **48** bento boxes!

Our interns presented on a range of subjects, including underconsumption core, sustainable cities, climate change and agriculture, and national parks/leave no trace!



“What were your key takeaways from this event?”



# SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP



“Climate change efforts affect more than just the climate but various socioeconomic factors.”  
- Student Attendee

“Learning to leave no trace.”  
- Student Attendee



“Sustainability is extremely important for our future generations.”  
- Student Attendee

“Environmentally friendly practices will help our society in the future to prosper.”  
- Student Attendee



“There are many changes I can make in my life to be more eco-friendly.”  
- Student Attendee

“Everyone can do their part, no matter how small!”  
- Student Attendee







# CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT: PERIOD PROJECT

**Period Project** strives to provide free and accessible menstrual products on campus. We do this by supplying free menstrual products at various locations on campus and working with departments/the Student Government Association (SGA) to expand the reach of our project.



*The initial Period Project members receiving the Aggie Green Fund Grant*

Through an Aggie Green Fund Grant, we received funding for two period product dispensers and menstrual products. We continually restock these dispensers, found in the first floor of Evans and the Annex, in addition to a display case in the second floor family bathroom in Evans and product bins in the Plant Pathology and Microbiology (PLPM) building.



# CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT: PERIOD PROJECT

## What was the motivation to start the project?

We had a guest speaker from AGF present at one of H.E.A.T.'s general meetings that got us fired up! The human and environmental committees teamed up and brainstormed ideas for projects that could positively benefit the student body while also increasing sustainability on campus. In a matter of minutes we all agreed that a project revolving around sustainable menstrual products was the perfect combination of an environmental and humanitarian project that both committees could collaborate on.



We felt like we could really make a difference in Aggieland since access to menstrual products back then was very scarce.



## **What are the long-term goals of your project?**

Our project's long-term goal is to have menstrual product dispensers located all around campus! We want to have period products readily available, consistently stocked, and maintained by the university to promote comfort, convenience, and well-being.

## **What advice would you give to someone wanting to do a similar project?**

The implementation of your project will likely take longer than you expect, and unforeseen hurdles are sure to come up. However, don't be discouraged by trials and tribulations! Remind yourself of why you want to do this and what impact your project will have. Additionally, don't be afraid to reach out to people, even if you feel like they will be too busy or not care about your initiative. There's a chance they won't respond, but we've made wonderful connections or have been redirected to relevant sources from simply deciding to send an email.

Sustainability is worth fighting for. More people are supportive than you think!