

# AGGIE SUSTAINABILITY ALLIANCE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Panelists:

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*J.D. Candidate, UT Austin  
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Join the OSCE and  
former students this  
month for the

## GREEN CAREER SHOWCASE

**FEBRUARY 9TH @  
2:30PM VIA ZOOM**

*More information at:  
[calendar.tamu.edu](https://calendar.tamu.edu)*

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# FEBRUARY EVENTS CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY 2025

Find more Texas A&M events at [calendar.tamu.edu](http://calendar.tamu.edu)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 <b>Silver Taps</b> 10:30pm, Academic Building Plaza	4	5 <b>OPAS Presents</b> <b>CelloVoci</b> 7:30pm, Rudder Theatre	6 <b>First Friday</b> 5:00pm, Downtown Bryan	7
8	9 <b>Green Career Showcase</b> 2:30pm, Virtual	10	11	12 <b>Micro Grant Informational</b> 12-1pm, Virtual	13	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> 
15 <b>AGF Student Committee Applications Due</b> 11:59pm	16	17 <b>DIY Wall Decor Sustainasocial</b> 5pm, MSC 2403	18	19	20	21 <b>OPAS Presents</b> <b>Dog Man: The Musical</b> 11:00am, Rudder Auditorium
22	23	24 <b>Wellness Wherever You Are: The Quest Toward Resilience</b> 11am-12pm, Virtual	25 <b>Sustainability Workshop</b> 2:30pm, MSC 2401	26 <b>Workshop: Positive Self-Talk Strategies</b> 2-3pm, Virtual	27	28

## February is Black History Month

Since 1976, February has been annually celebrated as Black History Month to ensure that Black experiences throughout history are honored, preserved, remembered, and shared. Texas A&M celebrates Black History Month through research, teaching, and working with local communities. Throughout the month, consider engaging in events that celebrate Black experiences or take the initiative to deepen your understanding of Black history.

Learn more at: [tx.ag/bsacBHM](http://tx.ag/bsacBHM)

## VALENTINE'S DAY EDITION

Howdy, Ags! Planning on strolling under the Century Tree with your sweetheart or bestie this Valentine's Day? Here's some sustainability tips to keep your heart and the planet happy!

### SUSTAINABLE SWEETS

Purchase your Valentine's chocolate or candy from sustainable sources, such as Fair Trade certified organizations. This ensures fair wages and safe working conditions go into producing your treats.



### LOVE LOCAL LABOR

If buying gifts for your Valentine this month, purchase from local florists or artisans rather than chain retailers. Supporting local businesses reduces carbon emissions by minimizing supply chain transportation and positively contributes to your local economy.

### ADVENTURES OVER OBJECTS

Reduce waste by seeking experiences over material gifts for your Valentine. While a tangible gift may eventually end up forgotten in a landfill, cherished memories can leave a lasting impact and always stay with you.



### VALENTINE VOLUNTEERING

Consider volunteering alongside your Valentine. Not only will this experience be budget-friendly, but your joint efforts can also bring about significant change in the lives of those in your community. Leave a positive impact on those around you while strengthening your bond!



### PLANTS, NOT PETALS

Potted plants, herbs, and seeds make for longer lasting gifts than bouquets while reducing floral waste. As your plant flourishes, you and your Valentine can nurture it together, creating a shared project that thrives with your combined efforts!





# SPRING 2026 INTERN COHORT

## THE OSCE WELCOMES OUR SPRING 2026 SUSTAINABILITY INTERNS!



*Eliotte Lin, Kelly Wellman (staff), Sarah Elmeery, Wendy Webber (staff), Sawyer Rabalais, Ciara Charles, Caroline Gamble (staff), Peyton Brinkle, Esha Gupta, Adele Agnoletto.*

### **What are you most looking forward to experiencing as an intern this semester?**

*"For the internship, I'm really excited to meet other students from different disciplines and collaborate on sustainability outreach for awareness." - Eliotte*

*"I'm excited to learn how sustainability work happens in a real-world setting and to contribute to social sustainability in a meaningful way this semester." - Sarah*

*"I am most excited to step into a role that allows me to share my passion for sustainability while learning more about myself, the team I get to work with, and different perspectives of the world!" - Peyton*

**JOIN US FOR THEIR SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP ON FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2:30PM, AT MSC 2401!**

# DR. DEIDRA DAVIS

*Instructional Assistant Professor  
College of Architecture*

Dr. Davis's teaching and research centers on environmental planning and sustainability, environmental quality, and how planning and design decisions affect ecosystems, public health, and community resilience. She is motivated in her work by the need to create more resilient and sustainable communities where planning and design address both ecological systems and human well-being. Dr. Davis is passionate about exposing people to new perspectives through teaching, research, and engagement.



## ***What is the Biggest Takeaway from Your Research/Work?***

To understand sustainable planning, Dr. Davis emphasizes the inseparability of environmental quality, infrastructure, and social responsibility in shaping healthy communities. “**Good planning is about balance**”, she writes, supporting both human needs while the environment that sustains us. Dr. Davis recognizes a need for more factual education about our world and environment, equipping communities with the knowledge to make informed decisions rather than reactive ones.



## ***What's Your Favorite Thing About Your Job?***

The students are Dr. Davis's favorite thing about her job! She remarks how students make her work worthwhile and keep her inspired. Going abroad and showing her students sustainability in action is one of the best parts—a mutually eye-opening experience for Dr. Davis and her students!

## ***Which Sustainable Development Goal(s) Does Your Work Identify with Most?***

- SDG 6 (Clean Water)
- SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities)
- SDG 13 (Climate Action)
- SDG 15 (Life on Land)



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***Good planning is about balance.***

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## ***What's a Fun Fact People May Not Know About You?***

Dr. Davis dreams of owning enough land to foster a safe and free space for a variety of animals! She wishes to create a peaceful retreat with tiny homes for animals to gather, recharge, and experience rest in nature.



Join the Texas A&M OSCE at our new upcoming events this semester:

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Join us on Slack using [this link](#) (or visit the link in our Instagram bio, @sustainabletamu) to stay updated on office news and upcoming **Sustainasocials** events!

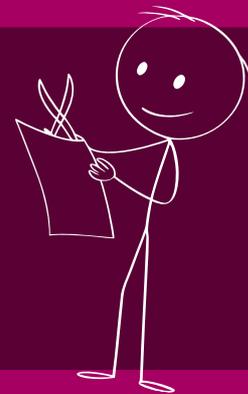
Take the opportunity to get involved on campus and meet others interested in sustainability.

First Event!

**DIY Wall Decor**

**FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, @ 5:00PM**

**MSC 2403**



*Come make DIY wall decor with us using natural elements! This a great time to learn more about our office, how to get involved in sustainability on campus, and connect with other sustainability-interested students!*

*Don't forget Aggie Green Fund Micro Grant Applications are due **March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm!***

*Apply here!*



Aggie Green Fund