

Keeping it Green

Notes from the SUNY Cortland Sustainability Office

October 2018

Campus Green Reps



Kendra Palmieri (left), a Senior Exercise Science Major and Hannah Hoagland, a Senior in Speech and Hearing Pathology are pictured in front of their *Red is Green* bulletin board highlighting SUNY Cortland's sustainability accomplishments.

A big part of Cortland's success in achieving its sustainability goals is the Green Reps program. Since 2006, each dormitory has had one Green Rep, hired to organize sustainability events and educate their peers on topics such as dorm recycling procedures and energy conservation. Hannah and Kendra are the first campus-wide Green Reps, who support the same types of activities for the larger campus.

While neither Hannah or Kendra studied environmental science, or plans to go on to a career in the field of sustainability, both agree that being a Green Rep has given them a new perspective on the importance of understanding their impact on the planet. Wherever they end up, this work has inspired them to live a greener lifestyle and to encourage others to do the same.

It's Shoulder Season!

In the fall and spring, outdoor temperatures can change rapidly - even in a single day. Facilities Operations and Services refers to this as the *shoulder season* and it's a very challenging time to maintain comfortable indoor temperatures. The systems in most of our campus facilities are dedicated to either cooling or heating and most are not able to react quickly to rapid changes, so we rely on the current outside air temperature and the forecast to determine whether we will be cooling or heating on any given day. As temperatures get cooler, many buildings are operating in the 'heating' mode, but when there is a sudden spike in temperature, the system isn't able to react quickly.

You can help conserve energy by being prepared and adaptable. At this changeable time of year, please **dress in layers** and enjoy the pleasant autumn weather in Central New York!



If you have a question or comment about sustainability at SUNY Cortland, an idea for a story, or a sustainability-related event you want to share, connect with us at Sustainability@Cortland.Edu

RED IS GREEN

Upcoming Events



Wednesday October 24th

Main event at the Library Pavilion 11:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Specialty foods and new dishes at ASC all day!

This year marks the 5th annual New York Campus Crunch, an annual state-wide event celebrating local foods. Come to the Pavilion at the Library from 11am-1:30pm for free apples. Grab a photo with Blaze and check out the #NYCampusCrunch prizes, games, and apple crisp. Visit any ASC venue for cooking demonstrations, and FREE Apples - all from local vendors!



Sustainability Deliberative Dialogue

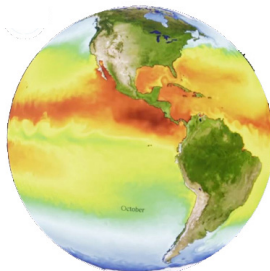
Thursday, October 25th

4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Park Center Hall of Fame Room.

Join participants from a range of perspectives and professional fields for an informed and moderated discussion of how our community should address the effects of climate change and extreme weather events. These Dialogues are led by the Institute for Civic Engagement's Action Team Interns with student groups, faculty, staff, and community organizations.

For more information or to participate, email john.suarez@cortland.edu.



Reduce, Reuse, ReCRAFT!

Monday November 5th

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge

The campus wide Green Reps are hosting an evening of recycled crafts. Learn to make pencil holders, room décor, reusable coffee sleeves, planters, and T-shirt tote bags. Materials are provided, or bring an old T-shirt to make a personalized no-sew tote bag.



Fall Harvest and Planting

Tuesday October 23rd

10:00 - 11:00 p.m. in the Model Gardens



Join our youngest gardeners from the SUNY Cortland Childcare center as we harvest potatoes and plant garlic in the model garden between Cornish Hall

and the Library. Sponsored by the Campus Garden Advisory Committee and the Sustainability Office.

Before the dialogue, watch:

GreenFlix:

Decoding the Weather Machine

Disastrous hurricanes... Widespread droughts and wildfires... Pervasive heat... Extreme rainfall... How will climate change affect us through the weather we experience and what will it take to bend the trajectory of planetary warming toward more benign outcomes?

Look for campus screenings
in Late October

or watch it on your own at
bit.ly/weathermachine