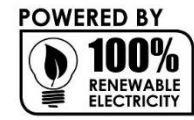


The Sustainable Point!



What's the Point?

By: Jenessa Gilarski

You are reading the very first edition of The Sustainable Point! So what's the point? Good question! The Office of Sustainability has been working hard to keep our campus environmentally friendly and keep students engaged in all aspects of sustainability, especially on campus and in our community. We are hoping that this simple yet informative newsletter will help spread our message(s) to an even larger audience around campus.

Also be on the lookout for our video version of The Sustainable Point! which will be coming soon straight from our office staff.

Expect updates from our office staff on the many ongoing initiatives/ projects we have. These include promotion of Ecosia, electric vehicle charging stations, Fair Trade campaigning, edible landscape signs on campus, our Sustainable Film Series, and more.

A new edition will be floating around campus each month and all editions will be archived on our website under "Supporting Media". As always, you can find updates on campus involvement, sustainability initiatives, and more on our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages.

As always, be sure to submit your campus sustainability ideas to the **Green Fund**

A New Beginning: The Backpack

By: Jenessa Gilarski

This semester the Office of Sustainability has begun a new project, titled the backpack, which I have been leading. The Backpack is essentially a room in Nelson Hall where students can come shop for donated items such as school supplies, office supplies, storage items, reusable bags, winter clothing items, and much more. All items stocked in the room are completely free for students to take. The location of the room is foreign to many students but was chosen because it is located right by the Office of Sustainability. The goal of the backpack is to keep reusable items from being discarded and instead provide them to students free of charge.

If you are familiar with the Cupboard program through CASE at UWSP you may notice that the program sounds similar. In fact, the Cupboard and the Backpack have begun a partnership. Donations for both programs can be dropped off at either site, DUC 061 or Nelson Hall 232, or wherever you see collection bins on campus. Both programs have the same walk in hours as well to make it simple for students to stop by.



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Stayed tuned for...

2018 Sustainable Film Series

This year the Office of Sustainability has decided on three films that center around the topic of consumerism and the environmental consequences of consumerism norms. As always, all films along with free popcorn and Point Root Beer and Join us in the DUC theater at 6:30 pm on the following days:

January 30th



February 6th



February 13th



Winter Bike to Work Day!

Help celebrate Winter Bike to Work Day on Friday, February 9th. Meet at the sundial with your bike to take a picture and promote sustainable, alternative transportation. Chancellor Patterson has even participated by biking to UWSP from his home on the morning of Winter Bike to Work Day to celebrate and support our sustainability message!



Bringing Ecosia to campus

On Friday November 3rd, the Information Technology Council voted in favor of putting the search engine in student computer labs as the default search engine for Microsoft Edge when it becomes possible. The Faculty/Staff Common Council has to vote on whether or not to approve this action item. After that, IT will implement Ecosia, after they finish updating all of the computers to the most recent version of Windows 10 and have access to those features. The currently expected timeline for this will be sometime in March/ April. Additionally, we are working with Ecosia on a dashboard program to track the number of trees this campus helps to plant. The link for anyone who wants to opt in ahead of time is: <https://ecosia.co/uwsp>



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