

THE Eco MOSQUITO

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS AND EVENTS AT HSPH AND BEYOND

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Ahhh, the crisp late-summer air is beginning to coax the very first leaves from their branches and the students are back in classes. Soon it will be time to grab a jacket, wrap yourself in a cute scarf, and enjoy Boston at its most beautiful!

Green Students, Green Campus

It's so refreshing to see new faces in the hallways as summer turns into autumn. And to those of you who have been around for a while, you're looking great after a nice summer break! We wanted to take a moment to introduce ourselves to all the new stu-



Gorgeous photo by Tobias Reeuwijk

dents. Hopefully this isn't awkward, since you're in the bathroom, doing who knows what. But we're really proud of our green campus and we thought we would take this opportunity to show off just a little bit. Did you know that Harvard University is consistently ranked as one of the most sustainable campuses in the United States? This is because we have students, faculty, and staff who really and truly care about the environment. Their efforts are organized by the Harvard Office for Sustainability, which serves as the umbrella organization for all the "green teams" throughout the various Schools at Harvard. The HSPH EcoOpportunity green team is particularly active, and—quite frankly—a little wacky. We don't shy away from sending Composting Ambassadors to hang out at the waste bins and help people compost, or from interrupting people's private bathroom moments with the Eco Mosquito. Our team looks for any opportunity to make HSPH a greener place, from making it easier to recycle to making the campus more bike-friendly. We also host some great events, both indoors and outdoors. We would love to hear your ideas or, better yet, have you join our team! Find out more about us and our events and projects at hsph.harvard.edu/ecoopportunity/

Boston Wins Something!

You may have noticed that Bostonians take winning very seriously, especially when we beat New York (what do you mean, inferiority complex?) According to a new ranking by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, Boston is the most energy-efficient city in the US! Cities were scored on energy-saving initiatives, such as requiring more efficient building designs, building electric vehicle charging stations, and promoting bike sharing. Wouldn't you know, little old Boston achieved the highest score overall, with 76.75 out of a possible 100 points. Portland, New York City, San Francisco, Seattle, and Austin also received scores of more than 60 points. But **WE** won!



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DID YOU KNOW?

Ka-ching! Did you hear that? It's the sound of grant money. The Harvard Student Sustainability Grant Program provides up to \$5,000 in seed funding to students and student groups for environmental projects that contribute to Harvard's campus sustainability goals. Areas of sustainable focus include: energy reduction, waste and resource reduction, community awareness, health, and research to inform policy. Applications are due on Friday, October 18, so get yourself to green.harvard.edu/grants today!

GREEN TIPSTER

Recycling is good, composting is even better. When you get your lunch from Sebastian's Cafeteria in Kresge, remember that the to-go packaging is all compostable. That's right, napkins, cutlery, plates and lidded containers, hot and cold cups, and straws can be thrown right into the compost bin along with your food scraps. The only annoying hold-outs are the soup cup lids, which should be recycled. Bon appétite!



DON'T MISS THIS!

The next edition of the **Eco-Opportunity Seminar Series** will feature inventor, designer, and founder of Sourcemap Leonardo Bonanni presenting "Tackling the Social and Environmental Impact of Global Supply Chains" on Wednesday, **October 2** at 12:30pm in Kresge 203.

This should be a fun little lunch excursion: the **MASCO Commute Fest** comes to Blackfan Circle (just up Longwood Avenue) on Thursday, **October 3** from 11-2pm with food trucks, live music, and all the information you need to improve your commute to the Longwood Medical Area.

Freecycling is our favorite win/win situation. Get rid of unwanted lab supplies and pick up some freebies at the **Lab Freecycle** in the Kresge Cafeteria on Tuesday, **October 16**. Drop items off from 9:30-11am and stick around to score some free lab supplies from 11:30-1:30pm.

Hi, new students! We would love to see you at our next **Green Team** meeting on Thursday, **October 24** from 11-12pm in Kresge 907. We will have snacks! Seriously, who doesn't love a little snack on a Thursday morning?

Have an idea for an article? Contact us at ecoop@hsph.harvard.edu

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