



## **Spring 2023 April Newsletter**

Subject: GET YOUR GREEN ON! Earth Month Updates from SSC!

---

Hello and happy Earth Month from SSC!

April showers bring May flowers, and SSC brings awesome Earth Month events!

In this newsletter, we will be telling you some updates on what is going on for the SSC and all the awesome Earth Month events we are involved in! Be sure to read on, save the dates and save the Earth!

### **TUESDAY TALKS**

SSC is partnering with SSLC to host “Tuesday Talks at Bevier Cafe” EVERY TUESDAY THIS EARTH MONTH!

These talks offer students the ability to hear from sustainability experts about the ways they're improving sustainability and how students can get involved!

All Tuesday Talks are hosted at the Spice Box in Bevier Hall from 12-1 pm. The first 3 attendees will get free lunch at Bevier Cafe. Be sure to follow our [Instagram](#) for more details on the weekly speaker and Tuesday Talk giveaways!

- APRIL 11- Andrew Rehn (Senior Water Resources Engineer) and Amanda Pankau (Senior Energy Campaign Coordinator) from Prairie Rivers Network
- APRIL 18- Daphne Hulse, Zero Waste Coordinator for Facilities and Services
- APRIL 25- Citizens Utility Board

### **SOLAR FARM TOUR**

We are also hosting a tour to Solar Farm 1.0! The event will take place on **April 27 at 3:00 pm** and last 30 minutes to an hour. The tour is limited to 20 people so hurry and RSVP [here!](#) You **MUST** fill out the form to attend - and it will provide you with more information about how to get there, what to wear, etc!

For some background, the Solar Farm increases renewable electricity generation on campus and helps meet sustainability goals outlined in the Illinois Climate Action Plan (iCAP), campus' plan for mitigating climate change. The Solar Farm is rated at 5.87 megawatt DC/ 4.68 megawatt AC. It achieved 99.1 percent of design efficiency its first year, producing 7.284 million



kilowatt- hours (kWh). This represents nearly two percent of the electrical demand for the Urbana-Champaign campus.

Again, don't forget to [RSVP](#) - if you have to cancel later, please email SSC-Communications@illinois.edu so the spot can be opened up for somebody else!

## FAVORITE CAMPUS TREE CONTEST

The University of Illinois Tree Committee is hosting the "Favorite Campus Tree Contest," where your favorite campus tree will get the chance to be recognized at the Arbor Day Celebration on April 28!

Do you hear that rustling in the wind? That's your favorite campus tree whispering "*pick me for the Favorite Campus Tree Contest*" in your ear.

To submit, include a photo of the tree, the location of the tree, and why it is special to you on [THIS FORM!](#) The contest is open to all faculty, students, and staff and will close **APRIL 22!**

In honor of Arbor Day 2023, University of Illinois Tree Committee presents the

# Favorite Campus Tree Contest

Nominate your favorite campus tree between **April 1 and April 22** using the link below.

Include a photo of the tree, the approximate location of the tree, and why it's special to you.

This year's **Favorite Campus Tree** will be named at the campus Arbor Day celebration on **April 28!**



## **ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**

Speaking of cool trees, the campus Arbor Day Celebration is coming up. Come honor campus trees and see the University of Illinois Tree Committee plant a NEW TREE! This event is super fun, you won't want to miss it!

- Friday April 28th from 12-1pm
- Outside Davenport Hall on the Main Quad
- Rain location: Davenport Hall Room 230
  - Check the SSC Instagram to see if the rain location will be utilized

## **GREEN GLOBES 2023**

This event recognizes the hard work and achievements of student organizations in facilitating sustainability! All members of environment driven organizations are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please [apply and RSVP by April 10!](#) Refreshments will be provided and business attire is encouraged. We hope to see you there!

- Thursday April 20 from 6 -7:30 pm
- Siebel Center for Design!

The Green Globes are presented by the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment, the Student Sustainability Committee, and the Student Sustainability Leadership Council.

## **GREEN QUAD DAY**

The Green Quad Day you know and love is back for Earth Month! Come connect with and hear from RSOs, community groups, university affiliate groups, certified green chapters, and MORE.

- Friday April 21 from 12-4 pm
- Anniversary Plaza (just south of the Illini Union)

This event is a joint effort between the Student Sustainability Leadership Council, Students for Environmental Concerns, and the Student Sustainability Committee.

---- You can check out all the campus Earth Month Events [HERE!](#) ----

## **UPDATES**



**Student Sustainability Committee of  
The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**

We would like to welcome our new coordinator- Codie Sterner! Codie recently moved here from San Diego to further pursue his career of advancing sustainability in higher education. He has lots of expertise in sustainable systems and organizing events. He will be helping the committee with fund management, tracking grantee progress, and doing his own research, reports, and speeches for the educational growth of sustainability on campus and for SSC. We're pretty sure Codie's car was full of reusable water bottles and solar panels when he moved here. The guy is committed! Welcome to the team and to UIUC, Codie!

We had our first voting meeting of the semester last Sunday! Thank you to everyone who submitted an application, we had a record amount of funds requested! We are so excited to see so many people involved with sustainability projects on campus. Our voting meeting minutes are now public on our website. [Check them out!](#)

It has been a busy month for SSC! We have been working hard for Earth Month and planning events to get students more involved with making campus greener! Check out these awesome events and opportunities:



### **WORKING GROUP MEETINGS**

Are you interested in learning about and discussing projects that made it past Step One in our funding process? Our bi-weekly working group meetings are the perfect place to do so!

- Energy + Transportation & Infrastructure: **Monday 4/10 from 5:00-6:00 pm** CIF 0018
- Food & Waste + Land, Water, & Air: **Tuesday 4/11 from 5:00-6:00 pm** CIF 2025
- Education & Justice: **Thursday 4/13 from 5:00-6:00 pm** CIF 2025

### **PROJECT APPLICATIONS**

- Spring Step II Applications for Student-Led Projects over \$10,000 in budget and all Faculty/Staff-Led Projects are due on April 21, 2023!
- We are accepting applications for Student-Led Projects under \$10,000 in budget on a rolling basis until May 2023.
- For more information on submitting project applications, check out our [website](#).



## BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**Tessa  
Clarizio**

At SSC we appreciate all the hard work of our board members! This week we're showing gratitude to a few of our working group chairs Tessa Clarizio, Liz Witek, and Holly Hahn! Go to our [Instagram](#) to hear more about these awesome Working Group Chairs!

## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



Throwback to the Sustainability Grammys where sustainable groups on campus were recognized for their amazing work! Pictured are members of Project 4 Less who won an award for the engagement category.

The Sustainability Grammy's have REBRANDED to the Green Globes! Scroll up in this newsletter to hear more about this year's event.

### CONNECT WITH US!

Want to make your feed greener? Follow the Student Sustainability Committee on social media and join our Discord!

- [Instagram](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Discord](#)



**Student Sustainability Committee of  
The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**

That's all from us! We hope you will join us for some sustainable shenanigans this Earth Month. Until next time- reduce, reuse, and recycle!

Sustainably yours,

The Student Sustainability Committee Communications Team