

Save!

- 1 If you're still buying plastic bottles of water, buy a reusable bottle instead.
- 2 Clean your home with natural products, just about anything can be cleaned with vinegar, lemon juice and baking soda.
- 3 Take a couple simple steps to save a lot of energy in your home.
- 4 Carry a reusable bag and refuse plastic bags, no more breaking, tearing or blowing in the wind. Some stores will give you a credit if you bring your own bag.

Be well!

- 1 Walk or bike more. It's not only good for your health, it's good for everyone else's health by reducing pollution.
- 2 Eat more locally grown food. Seasonal produce that hasn't flown half-way around the world will be fresher, tastier and cuts down on the pollution that causes global warming.
- 3 Buy organic when you can particularly peaches, apples, bell peppers, celery, nectarines and strawberries, which contain the most pesticides.

A Better Tomorrow:

Letter From the President:

We have recently implemented the Green Graduate Certification Program, which is intended to serve as a vector to empower students to become influential leaders within the clean-energy economy.

This certification will allow UCF students, graduate and undergraduate, to gain environmental education and awareness. You will need to complete around half of the given tasks within the 3 main sections of the Green Graduate Certification Program: Academic, Leadership, and Involvement. You will also be required to create your very own portfolio including essay questions about your personal experience accomplishing your tasks and any other evidence to prove that you accomplished every requirement. You can find more detailed instructions, as well as the complete list of essays, under the section of [E.Co's new website \(www.ecoucf.com\)](http://www.ecoucf.com) labeled "Green Graduate Certification Program." I have also attached the full requirements sheet to this email.

The intention of the Green Graduate Certification Program at UCF is to inspire students to direct their passion toward a more sustainable future. This program will also recognize students for their commitment and dedication to the environmental movement on campus. Once the students accomplish the required tasks, finish the GGCP portfolio and are approved by the majority of the GGCP Committee, they will receive a green cord to wear during graduation and an official certification in recognition of their contributions to the green movement.

Recognizing the difficulty in gaining student involvement within the environmental movement, SGA created the GGCP to provide students with direct connections to green opportunities on campus. This program is an ideal way to incentivize student academic integration, action and leadership. Benefits from becoming certified include professional recognition, valuable connections, enhanced credibility within the workforce and applied learning through real-world experience. Given the current economy, all of the aforementioned benefits will help students stand out as they enter the workforce and compete for jobs. Therefore, it is essential for the GGCP to be offered through the university to ensure job creation in this new green market.

The GGCP will also help students understand their environmental impact, be empowered to reduce their negative impacts and seize opportunities to create positive solutions through sustainable action. This program will not only benefit students, but it will also provide faculty and administration with a direct connection to passionate students who can further advance sustainable research, initiatives and course development resources.

Help us to reach the goals!



Current & Past Initiatives:

EPA Game Challenge

UCF won out of all the Florida schools by a long run! We will post the specific updates as soon as possible through our website!

LEED

E.Co is now providing a LEED Green Associates Certification Workshop for \$20 at UCF: www.ecoucf.com/leed

Energy specialist training with no experience needed: www.ecoucf.com/energystar

Green Fee

Student green energy fund is currently being reviewed by the board of trustees and will need to be passed on to the board of governors in November 2012.

New positions/what positions are left

Visit the E.Co positions site at: www.ecoucf.com/apps.

Positions that we will need

Extras:

Greeks Going Green/Competition

Officially have every Greek organization that has a house on/off campus admitted into Greeks Going Green and the brand new L.E.A.F.S certification. www.ecoucf.com/ucf

Integrated People Sustainable Bracelets

We are now collecting money from those who have been given bracelets from SGA and also providing more bracelets to any organizations who are interested.

Upcoming Initiatives:

Chipotle

Chipotle wants to give free burritos for every E.Co meeting. Hungry? Come out to our E.Co meeting, free Chipotle burritos!

www.ecoucf.com/events

GreenWaves

PRIORITY!

Homegrown Local Food Co-Op

...is coming to a UCF dining service near you. Eden Wetherell and Summer Singletary are currently working on finalizing this sustainable initiative.

April is Earth Month

Alternative transportation day- focus on awareness of alternative transportation (any other ideas for the month?). Green Carpet Awards- ceremony where we award everyone who has done a green accomplishment.