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Recycling Tips

More than 130 Georgia businesses rely on recovered materials for manufacturing new products. These businesses span a variety of industries and employ thousands of people. The Georgia Recycling Coalition has created a video, called "Made in Georgia", that shows the economic impact of recycling in Georgia and takes you on a tour of several local recycling and manufacturing facilities.

[Click here to watch "Made in Georgia".](#)

2014 Earth Day Celebration: Green is Global

Georgia Tech's Earth Day planning committee would like to extend our thanks to everyone who participated in the 17th Annual Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 18. It was a rainy day, but the April showers did not dampen our spirits! More than a thousand students, faculty, staff and members of the Atlanta community gathered on Tech Walk and in the Skiles Courtyard to take part in the festivities.

There was a wealth of information available from more than 70 exhibitors. All of the attractions that have become Earth Day traditions were there as well, including the clothing swap and office supply exchange, E-waste recycling, free Earth Day T-shirts and organic popcorn. One of the highlights of this year's Earth Day Celebration was a performance by the Afrikan Djeli Cultural Institute featuring the Atlanta African dance and drum community.

Take a look on the following page to see pictures from the 2014 Earth Day Celebration. For more information and photos, visit the Georgia Tech Earth Day [Website](#) or [Facebook page](#).



2014 Earth Day Celebration Photos



2014 Earth Day Environmental Award Recipients

About the Awards

The Earth Day Environmental Awards for Leadership and Sustainable Initiatives celebrate Georgia Tech students, faculty, staff, alumni, and/or retirees who are making a positive environmental impact, either through an exemplary new initiative or body of work. The awards recognize individuals or groups making positive environmental impacts, whether on campus, or in the community at large. This year, the Earth Day Planning Committee selected three recipients.

Student Government Association Sustainability Committee

For the past two years, the SGA Sustainability Committee has worked to connect members of the Georgia Tech community and empower them in their pursuit of environmentally and socially sustainable projects. The committee's primary purpose is raising campus-wide awareness about sustainability, bringing together the relevant stakeholders and facilitating positive action.

The Sustainability Committee has focused its efforts on four initiatives: a semesterly Sustainability Forum, the GT Green Alliance, the Silver Leaf certification program for student organizations, and a Digital Awareness Campaign, which includes our electronic newsletter "Up With the Green and Gold".



Dr. Carson Meredith



Dr. Carson Meredith, a professor in Georgia Tech's School of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, has been leading groundbreaking research in environmentally-friendly chemical processing and sustainably-sourced polymetric materials for over twenty years. Dr. Meredith joined the faculty of Georgia Tech in 2000, and has built a successful research group that has ambitiously developed bio-inspired novel materials for addressing sustainability challenges - notably, finding new sources of materials based on designs found in nature.

The Georgia Tech Urban Honeybee Project

The Georgia Tech Urban Honeybee Project is an undergraduate educational research program that maintains three beehives on the roof of the Clough Undergraduate Learning Commons. Their goal is to engage Georgia Tech students with science by incorporating authentic research into undergraduate courses and to allow students to participate in independent research opportunities. They are working to raise awareness about how human activities can affect the wellbeing of important pollinator insects like honey bees. They are also working to identify ways that people can manipulate urban environments to be more hospitable to bees.



Congratulations to the 2014 Earth Day Booth Contest Winners!

Most Creative
Trees Atlanta



Most Green
Georgia Tech Facilities Management - Building Services



Best Public Awareness
Energy Club at Georgia Tech



Upcoming Events

Atlanta Streets Alive

Peachtree Street (between MLK Drive and 17th Street), Atlanta GA

Sunday, May 18, 2014

2:00 – 6:00 pm

Cost: Free!

For four hours on Saturday afternoon, May 19th, a 3.1-mile section of Peachtree Street between Ellis Street and Spring Street will be temporarily transformed into a car-free zone, where people can walk, ride their bikes, and play. There will also be free activities set up along the route. You might find groups offering dance lessons, hula-hooping, or fitness challenges.

Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable

All Saints Episcopal Church – Ellis Hall

634 West Peachtree St., Atlanta, GA

Friday, June 6, 2014 (7:30 – 9:00 am)

Cost: \$10 - \$20, includes continental breakfast and beverage

Presented by Southface, the Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable convenes on the first Friday of each month to discuss the region's current environmental issues – from water to energy, urban planning to government policy, and much more. Members of the audience are encouraged to ask questions, make comments, network, and learn about Atlanta's current and future opportunities for sustainable development. The cost is \$10 for students. For non-students the cost is \$15 for advance purchase and \$20 at the door. Doors open at 7:00 am for networking. The roundtable discussion is from 7:30 - 9:00 am.

Confident City Cycling Class

50 Hurt Plaza, Suite 110, Atlanta, Georgia

Saturday, May 31, 2014 (11:00 am – 5:00 pm)

Cost: Free!

In honor of Bike Month, join Downtown Greensource for a Confident City Cycling Class led by Sopo Bicycle Cooperative. Learn to ride safely and confidently in Atlanta! The class will feature a classroom component to cover basics and an instructor-led group ride to practice bike handling skills. Whether you are a seasoned commuter or a beginner, the Downtown Confident City Cycling class offers something for every cyclist! The class will be held at the office of Central Atlanta Progress, 50 Hurt Plaza, Suite 110, Atlanta, GA 30303. Please bring a bicycle and helmet to the class. Bicycle parking is available near the intersection of Hurt Plaza and Peachtree Center Avenue and at the intersection of Edgewood Avenue, Gilmer Street and Peachtree Center Avenue.

Comments and Suggestions

If you have any questions or suggestions about our program, please feel free to contact us by simply replying to this [newsletter](#). We are here to help, and together, we can work to benefit the environment.

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As part of our effort to provide you with better services we continually update our website. Recycling guidelines and useful links can be found at www.recycle.gatech.edu.