



**INSTITUTE FOR
SUSTAINABILITY**

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We hope you are enjoying your summer and keeping cool during these hot days. If you are looking for something exciting to do for the remainder of your vacation, check out the volunteer opportunities and campus activities below!

Want to learn more about the Institute? [Check out our website for more information](#)

CSUN selected as a finalist for the 2015 Second Nature Climate Leadership Award!

Second Nature Announces [2015 Climate Leadership Award Finalists](#), and CSUN has been selected as a finalist for the 2015 Second Nature Climate Leadership Awards! Nearly 50 colleges and universities applied and CSUN made the cut. Second Nature is a national nonprofit that works to proactively build a sustainable and positive global future by working with leadership networks in higher education. The awards are a national competition among higher education institutions that are signatories of the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). Two winners will be recognized as part of the Greenbuild Leadership Awards Program on November 19 in Washington, DC. [Read More](#)

Sustainability Plan Report for 2014-2015 Completed and Now Available

At the request of President Harrison, the Institute for Sustainability published a Campus Sustainability plan in May 2013. The 10 year plan set goals with strategies for implementation covering all areas of the campus, organized into 10 areas including administration, education, energy, dining, water, etc. The annual update for 2014-15 has just been



published. [Learn More](#)

[Teagle Foundation Grant to Integrate Liberal Arts into Engineering](#)

The Institute for Sustainability received \$25,000 from the Teagle Foundation to integrate Liberal Arts into Engineering courses. Faculty at CSU Northridge will work with their counterparts at CSU Los Angeles, Chico, and Cal Poly to develop a plan for full vertical integration of liberal arts into the professional preparation of undergraduate engineering students from freshman through senior year on each of the 4 campuses with a goal of ultimately rolling out the plan across the CSU.



[National Park Service Youth visit Our Organic Garden](#)



On June 19, 2015 the Garden hosted 20 Youth from the National Park Services, along with 4 of their team leaders, one of whom is a CSUN Student Alumni. The youth were eager to get to work and had many questions about the garden and compost program. With plenty of energy and hands to work, a fence was built, compost beds were turned, and various projects were accomplished with the help of these youth. Having the NPS Youth visit our garden was a great pleasure. If you'd like to volunteer in the garden, email us at: sustainability@csun.edu.

[CSUN- al Gardening Class: Raised Bed Gardening](#)

Saturday, August 29 9-11 a.m.

Cal Poly Pomona graduate and Farmscape Head Farmer Matthew Geldin will explain how to plan, install and maintain raised beds for easier, more productive gardening. Registration for the free class begins Wednesday, July 29, and is required. E-mail botanicgarden@csun.edu to request a space in the class or for more information. Driving and parking instructions, as well as the class meeting location, will be sent upon registration.



Summer Food Garden and Compost Volunteer Opportunities



We are getting ready for the fall semester and we need your help! Various projects are on their way to improve and maintain the Food Garden and Compost. Volunteers will work on rejuvenating garden beds and planting new crops, as well as assisting in compost collection and moving compost to be used in the garden. To volunteer, email Christian at christian.citlalil.283@my.csun.edu

Compost Volunteer Days and Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
8:30am - 11:00am

Garden Volunteer Days and Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
9:00am - 11:30am

New Student Resource Fair Volunteer Opportunity

The Institute for Sustainability will be hosting a booth during new student orientation. We need volunteers to help sign students up for our email list, pass out brochures and materials, as well as interact with the students and inform them about the Institute, the minor in sustainability, and how they can get involved. [Sign up to volunteer!](#)



The dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday, August 4 – Friday, August 7

Tuesday, August 11 - Friday, August 14
Monday, August 17-Tuesday, August 18
Friday, August 21
Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm



[CSUN Summer Movie Fest Thursdays](#)

Looking for entertainment this summer? CSUN's Associated Students is offering outdoor movie screenings to the CSUN community and neighbors June 6 through August 29. Movies are every Thursday evening on the Sierra Quad Lawn. Movies range from family-friendly favorites like "Toy Story" and "Finding Nemo" to more adult comedies like "Talladega Nights" and "Bridesmaids."



[Make a difference by volunteering with TreePeople](#)

Volunteering with TreePeople is fun and rewarding. It's also unlike typical volunteer experiences. Tree People empower YOU with the support, training and tools you need to be an engine of change.

To volunteer, you have to register: [sign up here](#). Once you have a username and password, you can browse through their [calendar](#) to sign up for an event.



[2015 Special Olympics World Games](#)

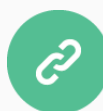
On July 25 - August 2, 2015, Los Angeles will host over 7,000 athletes representing 177 countries, along with 30,000 volunteers and an anticipated 500,000 spectators, for the 2015 Special Olympics World Games. The Special Olympics events will feature 25 Olympic-style sports, and the Opening Ceremony will be held Saturday July 25, in the historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.



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