2015 Earth Day Celebration: Small Choices, Big Impact

Georgia Tech’s Earth Day planning committee would like to extend our thanks to everyone who participated in the 18th Annual Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 17. More than a thousand students, faculty, staff and members of the Atlanta community gathered in the Student Center Commons and 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. This year’s event also featured a commemorative photo booth.

Take a look on the following page to see pictures from the 2015 Earth Day Celebration. For more information and photos, visit the Georgia Tech Earth Day Website or Facebook page.
2015 Earth Day Celebration Photos
2015 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.

Hyacinth Ide, Associate Director, Georgia Tech Landscape Services
As the associate director of Georgia Tech Landscape Services, Hyacinth Ide contributes on a daily basis to the beauty and sustainability of the campus grounds. Mr. Ide was instrumental in acquiring the recent Professional Grounds Management Society Operations & Maintenance accreditation, which is based on a wide variety of criteria including sustainable practices and environmental stewardship. Under Mr. Ide's leadership, Georgia Tech became the first institution in Georgia to be recognized as a Tree Campus USA, and the campus has maintained this certification since 2008.

Grace Brosofsky, Georgia Tech Environmental Engineering Undergraduate Student
Grace Brosofsky is an undergraduate student at Georgia Tech majoring in Environmental Engineering. As a member of Engineers for a Sustainable World at Georgia Tech, she is leading a natural herbicide project that explores and implements the best ways to utilize nontoxic solutions to manage undesirable plant populations. By maximizing the efficacy of natural solutions, Ms. Brosofsky's goal is to decrease dependence on chemical herbicides harmful to our air, soil, water, and overall health. This project builds upon previous research that Ms. Brosofsky conducted for the Google Science Fair in 2012, in which she placed as one of fifteen Science in Action finalists worldwide.

The Campus Kitchen at Georgia Tech
The Campus Kitchen at Georgia Tech is an organization dedicated to ending hunger in the Atlanta area by bringing together the Georgia Tech community to prepare and deliver meals to those in need. Georgia Tech Dining Services donates its overproduction throughout the week, which is packaged weekly by student volunteers at the Brittain Community Restaurant. Minimizing food and energy waste is a priority of both Georgia Tech and Georgia Tech Dining Services, and this initiative, led by Dining Services and their student leadership team, has already donated over 1,500 meals, totaling more than 2,000 pounds of food.
Congratulations to the 2015 Earth Day Booth Contest Winners!

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Comments and Suggestions

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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.