

**College Sustainability Report Card 2010**  
**Worcester Polytechnic Institute**  
**Student Survey**  
**Submission deadline: July 21, 2009**

*Instructions: For each "Yes" or "No" question, enter an "X" in the appropriate box. Please provide detailed information (e.g. numbers, descriptions, URLs) when requested.*

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**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

**1) Please describe the student-run campus environmental/sustainability organization in which you have a leadership role.**

Name of organization: green team, a joint staff/student organization

Number of active members: 8-10

Website:

Date of last meeting: 4/15/09

Frequency of meetings: weekly

Key issues addressed and programs implemented since August 2008:

- Increasing awareness of recycling
- increasing number of recycling receptacles
- Participated in National Teach-in in February 2009
- Earth Day programs for April 2009
- Increase in bicycle racks

Progress made on each issue/program since August 2008:

- Students created PREcyclemania on campus in December 2008 in preparation for Recyclemania in January 2009. For PREcyclemania, there were two competing categories: Resident halls and Greek houses. Measurements of recyclables were taken for 5 weeks, and the winner of each category won \$300. For Recyclemania, WPI took part in this national-wide competition for the first time and collected 60,975 pounds of recyclables. We placed 63<sup>rd</sup> out of 206 institutions. During Recyclemania, an on-campus competition also took place in order to get students engaged. The winning resident hall was awarded a trophy for Recyclemania
- Institution is conducting an inventory of recycling containers and will determine the best locations in which to place them
- Students created a program for the National Teach-In and sent a video letter to our legislators in Washington in February 2009
- Students partnered with staff and faculty to combine QuadFest (student government student festival) with Earth Day. Ran movies, poster competition, speaker sessions
- Institution is conducting an inventory of bicycle racks and will determine the best locations in which to place them

**SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGES AND COMPETITIONS**

**2) Does your group organize any sustainability challenges/competitions for your campus and/or with other colleges?**

No.

Yes. Please list details for each competition.

#1 - Name of competition: PREcyclemania

Year initiated: 2008

Frequency of competition: Annual

Participants: All on-campus resident halls and Greek houses

Incentives: \$300 for winner in each of two categories

Goal of competition: to increase awareness of recycling

Percent of energy/water/waste reduced: 306 pounds of recyclable waste collected

Lasting effects of competition: Increased awareness of recycling

Website: <http://www.wpi.edu/About/Sustainability/precyc620.html#Ranking!>

<http://www.wpi.edu/About/Sustainability/materialsmgmt.html>

#2 - Name of competition: Recyclemania

Year initiated: 2009

Frequency of competition: Annual

Participants: 500

Incentives: Certificate and trophy to resident hall winner

Goal of competition: to increase aware of recycling

Percent of energy/water/waste reduced: 60,000 pounds of recycling materials were collected

Lasting effects of competition: Awareness of recycling and how to recycle

Website: <http://www.wpi.edu/About/Sustainability/precyc620.html>

#3 – Name of Competition – Envisioning Sustainable Futures Poster Competition

Year Initiated: 2009

Frequency: annual

Participants: 60 students, 15 others including faculty, staff, administrators, and President of WPI.

Incentive: \$250 for winners in each of two categories

Goal of competition: To increase awareness and share ideas about sustainability

Lasting effects of competition: an increased awareness of sustainability, excitement about the competition which will be held annually as part of our Earth Day festivities.

**SUSTAINABILITY IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

**3) Does your student government include a specific position or committee dedicated to campus sustainability issues?**

No, however, there are two student senators who serve on the President's Task Force for Sustainability and two senators who serve on the staff and student Green Team.

Yes. Please describe:

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**4) Please describe any additional campus sustainability activities or projects that you or your group has initiated at your school:**

WPI students participated in Reyclemania for the first time in Winter 2009. In order to get students engaged, PREcyclemania took place during the fall 2008.

We participated in the national Teach-In by providing an open forum for students, staff, and faculty to create a video letter for our legislators in Washington.

With our Student Government Association, we partnered to create QuadFest Activities. The movie "Wind Over Water" was shown as a way to educate our student community about wind turbines on Cape Cod, and we created a recycle-olympics event for students camping out on the quad for Relay for Life.

On Earth Day, we partnered with the President's Task Force for Sustainability and held our first annual Sustainability Poster Competition, entitled Envisioning a Sustainable Future.

**5) Please list and briefly describe any other student-run organizations related to campus sustainability at your school, and provide URLs if available (e.g., student groups; student government committees; student-run food co-ops, gardens/farms, bike co-ops) and provide contact information of the student leaders, if possible:**

<http://www.wpi.edu/Campus/Activities/index.html>

Engineers without Borders: <http://users.wpi.edu/~ewbwpi/home/index.html>

Global Awareness of Environmental Activities – GAEA

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Worcester: <http://users.wpi.edu/~wpihabitat/index.html>

Green Team – student group working with President's Task Force on Sustainability

*Questions 6 is for informational purposes only; your response will NOT be included in the Report Card evaluation process.*

**6) Please list any regional or national networks with which your group is affiliated (e.g., Energy Action Coalition/Campus Climate Challenge, Sierra Student Coalition, a state PIRG, a state student sustainability coalition):**

*PLEASE NOTE: Some schools have requested that more detailed descriptions of their sustainability programs be made available to readers of the College Sustainability Report Card. Accordingly, we plan to post the completed surveys on [www.GreenReportCard.org](http://www.GreenReportCard.org) as a link from each school's profile. If you would prefer that the full text of your survey not be published, please let us know. (As in previous years, we will continue to publish relevant excerpts in the school profile.) To opt out of online publication of your full survey response, please enter your name here:*

*Thank you for completing the student survey for the College Sustainability Report Card 2010. We greatly appreciate your participation.*