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Growing Responsibly

September 2018

Welcome back! We are so excited to have our students and faculty back on campus for the new academic year and loved meeting all the new students and their families during first year move-in and at the University Resource & Services Fair. Thank you to all of the Cardboard Crew volunteers who worked hard to reduce our packing waste during move-in! We are so excited to start the year off with a bang by having world-renowned sustainable building expert Jason McLennan discuss the Power of Transformative Goals on Monday night at 6:30pm at Blair – please plan to join us! Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the SustainVU [website](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#) page. Here's hoping you have a beautifully green September and a great start to the school year!

Andrea George, Director

Live on the Green – August 30 – September 1

Live on the Green is committed to being Nashville's most environmentally-friendly music festival. The festival has many sustainable features including the use of ENERGY-STAR compliant sound equipment, recyclable beverage containers than can be recycled at any of the various receptacles throughout the park, provides a free bike valet for

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FutureVU lecture: Jason McLennan on ‘The Power of Transformative Goals’ Aug. 27



Join us on Monday, August 27 for the Jason McLennan lecture, titled “The Power of Transformative Goals – Vanderbilt’s BlueSky Energy Vision.” Considered one of the world’s most influential individuals in the field of architecture and green building movement today, Jason is a highly sought out designer, consultant and thought leader around the planet. He has been called the ‘Steve Jobs’ of the green building industry and a “World Changer” by GreenBiz magazine. McLennan is the creator of the Living Building Challenge as well as a primary author of the WELL Building Standard. This exciting discussion will take place at 6:30pm in Blair School of Music – Ingram Hall, and [GME credits](#) are available! Read more [here](#).

The FutureVU BlueSky Energy Vision Study lays the foundation for Vanderbilt’s carbon footprint reduction and serves to challenge the university community to generate bold and creative approaches to doing so. The consulting team for the BlueSky Energy Vision Study includes HDR, McLennan Design and Integral Group.



cyclists, and takes place on a green roof. The FREE end of summer event takes place over Labor Day weekend. More information [here](#).

Dragon Boat Festival – September 8

The Cumberland River Dragon Boat Festival celebrates the importance of the Cumberland River to the city of Nashville. The stretch of river downtown once was polluted but thanks to the work of the Cumberland River Compact and others it has been cleaned up and is a great place to spend the day. More information [here](#).

Mill Creek Clean Up – September 8

Join Team Lightning as they work to keep one of Nashville’s Greenways in great condition. All equipment and materials are provided and no experience is necessary. Clean up crew will meet at 5135 Harding Place from 9:30-12:00. More information [here](#).

PARK(ing) Day – September 21

Vanderbilt Campus Dining boosts healthy options, sustainability

More plant-based dining choices, like the “Impossible Burger,” which is 100% plant-based, and sustainable packaging are improvements that Vanderbilt Campus



Dining customers can look forward to in the new school year. “Accelerating our goal to become a zero-waste environment while expanding our healthy food options are changes that we are excited about,” said David ter Kuile, executive director of Campus Dining. “We want to be responsive to our community’s increasingly diverse menu preferences while serving our campus in a responsible and accountable way.”

To enhance sustainability, plastic straws, cold cup lids and plastic bags will be phased out. Eliminating straws alone will save over 400 pounds of plastic from entering landfills and waterways, ter Kuile said. Other containers such as coffee cups and lids as well as flatware will be compostable. The compostable waste program, already in use at other dining location across campus, will be set up at Rand Dining Center and the new E. Bronson Ingram College. The program collects all back-of-the-house and post-consumer waste and uses a local partner to compost the waste. In 2019, additional compost waste, including food, to-go-boxes and napkins, will be collected from receptacles in all dining locations. Read more [here](#).



Cardboard Crew welcomes new students to campus

Celebrate PARK(ing) Day at Vanderbilt – an internationally recognized event that features parking spaces turned into “pocket parks”! Eighteen spaces in the parking lot at 20th and Broadway, adjacent to the Barbizon, will be transformed into an outdoor space featuring swings, games and giveaways. The event will be from 9am-5pm. More information to come.

World Carfree Day – September 22

Ditch your car this World Carfree Day on September 22nd. Instead of driving, walk, ride your bike, or take public transportation to work or school – try it, you might just like it! Check out SustainVU’s [alternative transportation](#) webpage to find local transportation resources. More details [here](#).

River Talks: Michael Vandenberg and Jonathan Gilligan – September 27

Cumberland River Compact’s River Talks feature a variety of educational talks that bring experts, artists,



Students moving onto campus for this school year were welcomed by many volunteers helping make their move-in a little greener! The Cardboard Crew recycles cardboard,

plastic film, and Styrofoam during first year student move in. Last year, the Cardboard Crew collected 13 pounds of cardboard per student during move in for a total of 47 tons! In addition to cardboard, plastic film wrapping and Styrofoam are also recycled at this time.

The collaborative efforts of Cardboard Crew volunteers, Student Promoting Environmental Awareness and Responsibility ([SPEAR](#)), the Sustainability and Environmental Management Office ([SEMO](#)), and [Plant Operations](#) come together each year to demonstrate a commitment to environmentally responsible practices and to help make Vanderbilt more sustainable. Thank you to all of the volunteers and all who recycled during Move In 2018!



Want to work for SustainVU?

Student intern positions in the VU [Sustainability and Environmental Management Office](#) will be available during the school year. The sustainability interns will assist SEMO in coordinating and promoting sustainability across campus through projects such as:

- designing outreach tools for VU's sustainability education
- providing research for special projects
- updating the online, public annual sustainability reporting dashboard
- assisting with special events

Interested students should email resume, cover letter, and availability to sustainvu@vanderbilt.edu.

researchers, professionals, and characters of the river together to share their knowledge and experience. VU Professors Michael Vandenberg and Jonathan Gilligan will discuss their book "Beyond Politics: The Private Governance Response to Climate Change" from 12:00-1:00 at the Bridge Building. More information [here](#).

Golden Cone Awards – October 4

Join Nashville Civic Design Center to celebrate the Reclaiming Public Space Initiative and the best parklets from PARK(ing) Day 2018! Tickets available on Sep. 22, 2018. The "Golden Cones" is Nashville's paramount award ceremony when it comes to public space and PARK(ing) Day and VU won the "wow factor" and came in second for "people's choice" award last year! The Golden Cones goal is to recognize the best parklets and to ultimately educate Nashvillians of the importance of public space. The awards will be held from 5:30-

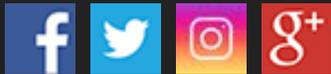


7:30pm at Center 615.
More information [here](#).

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