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## OS Bear Prints

*Sustainable Scoop about Treading Lightly on the Planet*

**Power Games and Recyclemania have begun! February 15, 2015**

### Sustainability Quick Links:

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### Composting Makeover:

Ursinus is committed to handling waste in environmentally sustainable ways, and has a record of increasing waste diversion rates (the amount of waste that we divert from the landfill or incinerator) since 2004. Composting food waste is a key component to Ursinus' overall waste management strategy, and the College has been composting post-consumer food waste from the Upper Wismer dining hall since 2010 and prep food waste since spring 2014. Composting is the process of converting

### Green Living Certification

1,212 students are Green Living

### Certified

2. Class of 2018 is in the lead with 89 students certified

3. There are 4 students who earned Grizzly Bear, the highest level of certification

Next time: stats by RA...find out which RA has the most green living certified residents!

### [Green Living Certification](#)

### Sustainability Tip

#### Upcycle

Upcycling and reusing prevents you from having to purchase more products. Think about repurposing an old T-shirt into a reusable grocery bag or perhaps turning an old sweater into a pair of leg warmers!

### [EnviroNEWS](#)

#### [Obama's ban on drilling](#)

What does President Obama's ban on drilling mean for Alaska and the Arctic? Obama recently banned oil exploration on 22 million acres of federal land and water in Alaska. Click [here](#) to read more!

#### [Counting gallons: how much water do you use?](#)

Did you know that in comparison to other countries, the US

organic waste into a reusable resource such as soil or mulch. Composting helps protect the environment by reducing the pollution in landfills, and the subsequent greenhouse gas emissions. Compost also enriches soil and reduces the need for water, fertilizer, and pesticides.

In the spring and fall of 2014, Ursinus started a pilot program to expand its composting efforts to include waste from Lower Wismer's a-la-carte dining services.

The effort included the installation of four large bins that allow sorting of waste, the replacement of most of the to-go containers with compostable versions, signage and articles. Unfortunately, this program was not successful. We had contamination rates between 30-40%. This means that between 30-40% of the materials that were put in the compost bin were either recycling or trash. This rate is much too high for successful composting. [Click here to read more.](#)

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## Recyclemania Carnival



Recyclemania has begun and runs through March 28th! Ursinus wants to win, so please help us by reducing your use and recycling more often. Join us for the RECYCLEMANIA CARNIVAL sponsored by the EcoReps and Office of

charges virtually nothing for water even ? The underpricing of water can lead to its overuse. Click [here](#) to read more!

### **I Recycle Because...**

Did you participate in our "I recycle because..." Campaign? We will be drawing names for 2 prize winners. Prizes will consist of T-shirts, water bottles, and Recyclemania swag. Be sure to like our [Facebook](#) page so you are eligible to win a prize! Thanks to all who participated.



### **Power Games Updates**

**Power Games Places as of Week Two:**

- 1st: Reimert (-5.89%)
- 2nd: New (-2.07%)
- 3rd: BPS (-0.53%)
- 4th: BWC (0.53%)
- 5th: North (2.38%)

**Mock Bills: Top Three Main Street Houses**

- 1. 942 Main St (-41.26%)
- 2. Elliot (-34.78%)
- 3. Hillel (-21.65%)

Sustainability.

**Who:** Ursinus Students

**What:** Come play games and participate in fun activities to raise awareness about recycling

**Where:** Lower Wismer

**When:** Thursday, February 26th, 7-8:30pm

**Why:** To have fun, learn about recycling, and win prizes!

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### ***Become an EcoRep***

Our EcoReps run Office of Sustainability events like the Recyclemania Carnival and Harvest Festival. They also work at Move-In and Move-Out and many other sustainability events on campus. The EcoReps program allows students who have more limited time availability to still be directly involved with Office of Sustainability programs. Our EcoRep Coordinator is Zach Trauger. Interested in being an EcoRep? We'd love to have you!! Just fill out the [application](#).

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### **Featured Fellow**





This week's Fellow is Zach Trauger. Zach is our EcoRep/ResLife Fellow. Zach is a Biology and Environmental Studies double major. As a Fellow, Zach helps bridge the gap between the Office of Sustainability and Residence Life to create sustainable programs on campus. Zach's favorite part about being a Fellow is being able to help educate his generation in sustainable practices to make recycling and reducing become second nature. You can find Zach on campus playing football, wrestling, participating in Fighting for Ophelia, or rounding up his residents as a Reimert RA. Did you know he can tie his own flies when he goes fly fishing? Thanks for everything you do to make Ursinus more sustainable Zach!

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