FOR-CREDIT INTERNSHIP
By Sarah Fleming, Team Manager

The Green Campus team has been hard at work to establish a for-credit internship program. This program ideally would draw students from every major to work with Green Campus interns on a variety of projects. While learning about sustainability, these students would have the chance to work on this project throughout a quarter and would receive one to two credit hours for their work.

Recently the Green Campus team gave a presentation to the Academic Senate in hopes to reach faculty and administration from every college at Cal Poly. This presentation concluded in a successful discussion leaving the Green Campus interns with a wide range of courses and contacts.

Green Campus interns have also met with the Empower Poly Coalition to discuss a collaborative effort. Working off UC Santa Cruz’s Education for Sustainable Living Program (ESLP), the Empower Poly Coalition is in progress of starting a course designed for students to understand and implement sustainability through lectures and hands-on projects. This course is a perfect opportunity for the Green Campus Program to work with sustainability-minded students on projects around the Cal Poly campus.

Though it may start small, this for-credit internship has the potential to expand significantly throughout the Cal Poly campus. If you or someone in your department has ideas or would like to get involved, please contact us!

POLY CANYON VILLAGE ENERGY COMPETITION
By Nick Lovgren, Project Coordinator

The first annual Poly Canyon Village Energy Competition has come to a close, and the results are nothing short of fantastic. Poly Canyon residents reduced their water usage by 0.8%, gas usage by 8.2%, and electric usage by a whopping 27.5%! This resulted in a net savings of over $20,000.00! Congratulations to everyone who participated!

An extra congrats goes out to the residents of Huasna. The average Huasna resident saved $15.49 in electricity, water, and gas over the course of the competition. They will be rewarded with signature stainless steel water bottles when they return after winter break. The CAs of Huasna will receive sweatshirts commemorating the competition, and their victory, at the start of winter quarter as well.

The Green Campus interns learned a lot through the course of this competition, and if all goes well next year’s competition will be even more successful.
STAKEHOLDER OF THE MONTH

By Ravi Sahai, Secretary

Emily Sandoval

Position: Learning Community Coordinator- Sophomore Success Program

Years at Cal Poly: 1.5

Why do you think sustainability is important?

Sustainability is important because it impacts our future. If we want future generations to have the same amenities we do in life, then we have to live smart, not be wasteful, and recycle when we can.

What can students living in the residence halls and in Poly Canyon do to make their lifestyles more sustainable?

Students can do several things to be more sustainable in the residence halls and apartments. They can take their recyclables down to the bins located in the halls, or they can take their own recyclables to a recycling center. People don't realize how many items can be recycled, so becoming familiar with those items is important. Students can also be cognizant of how long they leave the water running when doing dishes, brushing their teeth, or taking showers. If students have a leaky faucet, they should submit a service request immediately. Another really easy thing to do is to shut off the lights in rooms when students go to class and even unplug items when you aren't using them if students leave for the weekend. Although it takes effort to remember, taking reusable bags when you go shopping anywhere (not just grocery stores) is another easy step to living sustainably.

POLY CANYON ENERGY COMPETITION SAVINGS

| kWh savings: 176,355.40 |
| Therm savings: 1173.25 |
| Water savings (gallons): 14,619.00 |
| CO₂ savings (lbs): 192,123.88 |
| Dollars saved: $20,638.01 |

This month Green Campus would like to recognize Emily Sandoval from University Housing. Emily was our main contact with Housing during the Poly Canyon Energy Competition. In addition to serving as our connection to Housing, Emily met with Green Campus to coordinate programming efforts and assisted our team with the advertising campaign and prize selection. Green Campus would like to thank Emily for all of her help and support during the Energy Competition.