



## ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2008

### Accomplishments

- President O'Brien signed American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment in May
- Developed the Paris Glendening Sustainability Fellowship
- Gave sustainability trainings to Orientation Leaders and Residence Assistants before students returned for the 2008-2009 academic year
- Energy Conservation Initiative
  - The entire Committee worked to gather energy-saving ideas from the campus community, evaluate the ideas based on economic and social feasibility, as well as environmental and economic priority, and presented a report of recommended energy conservation measures to the VPs
    - Portfolio 1 implemented
- Revised green energy fund plan
  - Worked with students to decide on the next year's Renewable Energy Credit contract
    - Choosing less expensive RECs will leave more of the fund available for on-site renewable energy projects
- Green cleaning products
  - Aided Jerry DenHartog in the decision making process for transitioning the school to 100% Green Seal certified cleaning products
- Trayless cafeteria
  - Spent the entire Fall semester phasing trays out of the cafeteria and distributing an opinion survey
- Helped develop Heritage Scapes for Goodpaster Hall
- Wrote the mission statement for the Sustainability Strategic Plan
- Composting Coordinators
  - Developed student Composting Coordinator positions
  - Procured funding for Composting and Recycling Coordinator positions from the SGA

### Events

- Focus the Nation, January 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Held an all-day environmental fair and teach-in on climate change issues
- 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Polar Bear Splash, January 31<sup>st</sup>
- RecycleMania, entire month of February
  - The campus competed with other colleges and universities throughout the country to reduce waste
- National Campus Energy Challenge, entire month of February
  - The campus competed with other colleges and universities throughout the country to reduce energy consumption
- RiverFest 2008, September 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Had a display of SMCM's green initiatives
  - Collected energy saving ideas from the public
- Waste Management Day, September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Worked with members of the SGA to show educational displays about reducing consumption
- Opening of Goodpaster Hall
- Community Markets
  - Worked with Global Justice League to hold 3 community markets during the Fall semester
- National Campus Sustainability Day, October 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Screened *The 11<sup>th</sup> Hour* in Cole Cinema
- The University of Maryland's Better Composting School, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Attended by student Maya Cosentino, Bon Appetit Manager George McClusick, and Head Chef Armand Ferraro

**Works in progress**

- Energy Conservation Initiative Portfolio 2
- On-site renewable energy
- Sustainability Strategic Plan and Climate Action Plan
- Composting program
- Energy conservation awareness program
- Audubon Certification