

# Duke Greening Initiative



## Duke University Greening Initiative (DUGI)

### Current Officers

Co-President: Timothy Brown
Co-President: Katharine Grant
Vice President: Anna Chavis
Treasurer: David Gordon

### Latest Announcements

#### **04-15-2011 - DUGI Newsletter!**

The 2011 Spring DUGI Newsletter is now on the wiki and can be downloaded from the "Attachments" tab at the top of this page.

#### **04-05-2011 - DUGI has been awarded!**

The Environmental Management Action Committee has selected DUGI as the recipient of the 2011 Graduate Group Award for Student Environmental Leadership in recognition of innovative and creative leadership in addressing environmental issues on campus. Thank you to all of the DUGI members and collaborators -- we couldn't have accomplished so much this year without you!

#### **03-29-2011 - Tour de Duke website launched!**

The DUGI transportation committee is thrilled to announce that the Tour de Duke website has been launched! Check it out to get yourself registered for the upcoming bike parade that will kick off the NSSC Earth Day festivities on Thursday, April 21st. All bike parade participants will be entered into a drawing to win a bicycle made of completely recycled material (\$500 value) in addition to a number of other prizes. To double your chances, take a few minutes to complete our Duke biking survey. Hope to see you there!

<https://sites.duke.edu/earthday2011/>

Also, check out the [Tour de Duke Facebook page](#)

#### **03-25-2011 - March DUGI meeting**

Please join us for a very important DUGI meeting this Friday (3/25/11) at 10am in LSRC room A102. Coffee, bagels, and Duke sustainability information will be served!

#### **Agenda Items:**

1. DUGI group picture
2. 2011 DUGI newsletter
3. Introduction of new leaders
4. Committee updates
5. Earth month event planning (Green Devil Parade & Steam Plant tour)
6. Sustainability updates
7. Final reminder: EMAC Awards nomination due 3/25/11 by 5pm!

#### **03-20-2011 - Congratulations to the 2011-12 DUGI leaders!**

\*President: Anna Chavis

\*Vice President: Paramita Mukherjee

\*Contact the Exec Team ([duke.greening@gmail.com](mailto:duke.greening@gmail.com)) regarding interest in the Financial Officer position

#### **03-05-2011 - Exec Team Elections**

\*Personal statements for Exec Team positions due **tomorrow (Sunday, March 6th)**

\*Election week: **Wed, March 9th - Wed, March 16th** (via online survey sent to greening listserv)

\*Contact current officers (duke.greening@gmail.com) with any questions

### **02-24-2011 - DUGI meeting**

Agenda Items:

1. Exec Team election procedures
2. EMAC Awards nominations
3. Earth Month event planning
4. Sustainability updates
5. Duke Sustainability Network (Check out the wiki: <https://wiki.duke.edu/display/sustnetw/Home>)

### **02-12-2010 - DUGI Newsletter**

The 2010 spring DUGI Newsletter is now on the wiki and can be downloaded from the "Attachments" tab at the top.

### **01-25-2010 - First Spring Semester Meeting**

Our first meeting of 2010 will be on **Thursday, January 28th**, from **3 to 4pm** in **A158**.

Agenda Items:

1. Election schedule and procedures,
2. Budget report from Matt,
3. Board of advisor update,
4. Committee updates,
5. Newsletter
6. Duke Sustainability Network (Check out the wiki: <https://wiki.duke.edu/display/sustnetw/Home>)  
See y'all there!

### **11-06-2009 - Dean Series video online**

Inaugural speaker Amory Lovins' presentation is now online!

<http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/deanseries>

### **November Meeting:**

NEXT DUGI MEETING WILL BE WEDS NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

### **Field Trip - A LEED Mickey D's (McDonalds)?**

Nicholas School Energy Club has been able to organize a tour of the recently completed LEED certified McDonalds in Cary, NC with Courtney Lorenz (a Nicholas School alum now working at SKANSKA). Contact Dan (dbk13@duke.edu) if you are going to go so he can get a head count and organize a carpool (if there get a good-sized group, please let him know if you can drive).

WHEN: Tour is on Oct 30 and will begin at 11am. Meet at 10am behind the LSRC.

For some background, check out these links:

<http://www.carycitizen.com/2009/09/06/mcdonalds-goes-green-in-cary/>

<http://gas2.org/2009/07/06/mcdonalds-debuts-plug-in-car-charging-station/>

[http://maps.google.com/maps?f=d&source=s\\_d&saddr=Durham,+NC+27701+\(Duke+University:+Nichols+School+of+the+Environment\)&daddr=1299+Kildaire+Farm+Road,+Cary+nc&hl=en&geocode=CU-sCTNjfouzFUBXJQldyxJM-yHYHixmvUVquA;&mra=pe&mrcr=0&sll=36.048392,-78.901552&sspn=0.62623,1.234589&ie=UTF8&z=11](http://maps.google.com/maps?f=d&source=s_d&saddr=Durham,+NC+27701+(Duke+University:+Nichols+School+of+the+Environment)&daddr=1299+Kildaire+Farm+Road,+Cary+nc&hl=en&geocode=CU-sCTNjfouzFUBXJQldyxJM-yHYHixmvUVquA;&mra=pe&mrcr=0&sll=36.048392,-78.901552&sspn=0.62623,1.234589&ie=UTF8&z=11)

Email Dan if you have any questions.

### **\*NEW\* - UNC/NC State Course List - see Attachments tab**

Allison Herren, a 2nd year MEM, has graciously compiled a list of courses that you can take outside of Duke. Please go to the 'Attachments' tab and check it out. Thanks Allison!!

### **Post-OCTOBER MEETING:**

We had a great DUGI meeting and formed the committees for the year. If you would like to be on one of the committees, but weren't able to make the meeting, please contact the person at the email next to each to get involved.

Committees will start meeting as soon as possible to choose their projects, and then report progress and any difficulties at the full meetings. All committees are encouraged to contact similar groups (student, faculty, and staff) on campus to collaborate and increase success. It is very likely that others on campus would love to help the project, if they know about it. Exec team can definitely help you with this and with any other hurdles you come across. Please remember that time can pass quickly and choosing projects and getting started soon is very important!

So here are the groups, followed by the point of contact (drumroll please):

- **Waste Management (and Recycling) and/or Dining:** Angela Vasconcellos amv15@duke.edu
- **Energy Efficiency and/or Water:** Charley Jackson charles.jackson@duke.edu

- **Transportation:** Dan Kolomeets-Darovsky dbk13@duke.edu
- **Green Purchasing:** Timothy Brown tjb17@duke.edu

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Committee and Project Planning Meeting: Oct 14, 2009 at the LSRC.

#### **Current Projects**

DUGI is currently deciding its main goals for the 2009-2010 school year, but we have already gotten started with a few things:

- Advising members of the Campus Sustainability Committee
- Consultants to Clean Energy Durham: commissioned to create an informational flyer of all energy efficiency and renewable government incentive programs available to Durham homeowners.
- DUGI members are volunteering for a campus tree planting event sponsored by the Arbor Day foundation and Toyota.

#### **Past Projects:**

##### **Policy**

DUGI has helped shape university policy over the past several years. The group played an integral part in the establishment of Duke's Environmental Policy Statement, successfully advocated for Duke's green building policy, and now has members on the Campus Sustainability Committee. Over the past several years, DUGI members have consistently pressured campus administrators to ensure a sustainable university endowment.

##### **Awareness Campaigns**

The club has co-sponsored conferences like the Peak Oil Conference and the Southeast Student Renewable Energy Conference. We have also hosted distinguished speakers, including Amory Lovins and William McDonough, among others. DUGI has also helped advocate biking on campus through a variety of initiatives.

##### **Recycling Campaigns**

DUGI has consistently focused on decreasing the amount of material that makes it to the landfill. Over the years, we have helped Duke Recycles, managed a terracycling program, and held garbology studies. Most recently, DUGI members played an important role in the establishment of a compost bin outside of the LSRC.

##### **Green Dining**

DUGI members have been very interested in improving student's dining options. The university has been widely recognized for its green dining practices, but DUGI understands there is room for improvement.

##### **Energy Initiatives**

DUGI members have taken an active role in energy initiatives on campus. We have studied and recommended improvements to transportation, heating and power generation. DUGI's energy committee has also looked for ways to incorporate renewable and clean energy options into campus operations.

## **Description and Mission**

The Duke University Greening Initiative is a primarily graduate student organization. While the organization is project-based, it focuses on projects that will further the institutionalization of sustainability at Duke. Recognizing that in a volunteer organization equal ownership is vital, DUGI operates on a non-hierarchical, consensus basis.

The Duke University Greening Initiative will develop a University ethic and practice in which all decisions take into account the environmental, social, and financial impacts of its actions locally, nationally, and globally. This ethic and practice will further the educational and societal missions of Duke University by ensuring the coordinated, innovative, and efficient application of its resources.

The Duke University Greening Initiative will integrate environmental stewardship into every facet of life at Duke University. The educational exchange and technical innovation encouraged by the Initiative's activities will empower Duke University to lead in environmental sustainability. In doing so, the Initiative will advance the realization of the James B. Duke Indenture of Trust.

James B. Duke's indenture of trust selects educational goals for Duke University that "can do the most to uplift mankind [and] will most help develop our resources, increase our wisdom and promote human happiness." - "To these ends, the Mission of Duke University is to provide a superior liberal education to students, attending not only to their intellectual growth but also to their participation in their communities." James B. Duke wanted Duke to stimulate all those associated with the University "to contribute in diverse ways to the local community, the state, the nation, and the world [while] maintaining a place of leadership in all that we do." - To this end the Duke University Greening Initiative's mission and vision makes the following contribution to Duke University's fulfillment of James B. Duke trust.

## **Main Activities**

Contact the Executive Team at [duke.greening@gmail.com](mailto:duke.greening@gmail.com) to learn more and be added to the "greening" listserv.

## **Documents and Links**

<http://web.duke.edu/greening/mission.html>

<http://www.duke.edu/web/ESC/>

<http://www.oberlin.edu/sustainability/portfolio/portfolio.html>

<http://www.nyu.edu/sustainability/>

[http://www.sites.duq.edu/green-campus/\\_pdf/DU-green-campus.pdf](http://www.sites.duq.edu/green-campus/_pdf/DU-green-campus.pdf)

<http://www.uvm.edu/greening/>

<http://www.cmu.edu/greenpractices/>

<http://www.drew.edu/newspost.aspx?id=36799>

