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The Environmental and Sustainability studies program hosted the 5th annual Wild and Scenic Film Festival on Thursday November 3rd at Fort Douglas Post Theater. The event was a huge success - raising over \$2,000 towards ENVST student scholarship. It was a ton of fun to meet people from the community and in the ENVST program who genuinely care about the success of our program and students. All of these films were incredible! my personal favorite would have to be the accidental environmentalist. If you weren't able to attend the event this movie is the story of John Wathen, and how he went from just an average guy to starting a Youtube channel and documenting the changes and pollution he was seeing being done to Hurricane Creek. I think the movie is inspiring and really shows how anyone can become an environmentalist if they have an eye opening experience and care enough about our planet.



The "New OSH"

Carolyn & Kem Gardner Building

Fall 2018

The "New OSH", now know as the Carolyn and Kem Gardner building, will open for classes and research in the fall of 2018. This building will be the new home of the College of Social and Behavioral Science. It will also be the main classroom facility on campus, containing 33 classrooms and two auditoriums, as well as several meeting rooms, collaborative lab facilities, food service options, and places for students to gather and study.

One of the most exciting aspects of the new building will be its emphasis on sustainable design. The new Carolyn and Kem Gardner building will have features such as added insulation, Solarban 90 windows, light wells, solar panels, a rain harvesting system, a water conservation garden, geothermal heating, and more. Lori Kaczka, of the University's Facilities Management Department, believes that "the building will set the bar high for continued research of and for sustainability throughout campus and the Salt Lake Valley." The collaboration of research and teaching that will occur within this building will surely spark energy for integrative learning on campus, as well as promote sustainable initiatives on and off campus.



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<u>Internships</u>

All Environmental Studies Majors are required to complete an internship before graduation. There is a large selection of different internships that appeal to different interests, and these internships are with highly recognized businesses in our community. Below are some highlighted summer internships that have been completed by students in the past.

Tracy Aviary

Photography Internship

Tracy Aviary offers a variety of opportunities, however a student favorite is the photography internship. Here students generate photo and video content for multiple events and marketing, as well as work with trainers to photograph the magnificence of these birds. Although unpaid, an internship with Tracy Aviary comes highly acknowledged on a resume, and perhaps the best part of all- it is a great opportunity for animal lovers to make feathery friendships.

Heal Utah

Clean Air/Renewable Energy Internship

Heal Utah is a nonprofit grassroots organization dedicated to preventing further air pollution in our area. Again, there are a variety of internships and the titles are always changing, but some of the expected duties are working to create further community ties as well as participating as an activist, lobbying for clean air and clean air bills. Heal Utah's intern will be paid via stipend and regarded as an important member of the Heal Utah

Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter

Environmental Education Internship

This internship is held with the well-respected Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter which is a 1,200 acre preserve and LEED platinum education center focused on creating connections between humanity and the natural world. The Environmental Education Internship allows students to facilitate and assist in a wide variety of educational programs occurring around the preserve. The benefits also consist of the rare opportunity to learn about nonprofit administration, LEED green building features, green marketing and much more!

Jordan River Commission

Volunteer Coordinator & Project Leader Internship

The Jordan River Commission is determined to save our river and water systems through preservation, education and responsible development. The intern's responsibility would be to clean up the river by picking up trash, spreading native grass seed, and pulling weeds as well as leading volunteer events. This internship comes without pay, however it is plentiful in time outdoors and under the sun!

For a full list of all available internships, detailed descriptions, and links to apply, visit http://envst.utah.edu/internship-job/internship_listings.php

Bike to Movie Night

Bike to Movie Night is an ongoing event put on by the Sustainable Leadership Committee in conjunction with the Edible Campus Gardens in which there is an outdoor screening of an environmentally focused film.

It is a fun community event that promotes bike transportation and networking among like minded people, and brings awareness to the fruitful opportunities offered by the Edible Campus Gardens and the SLC Bicycle Collective.

This fall it was hosted at the Pioneer Gardens on Tuesday, August 30th. The film was Unbroken Ground, a new Patagonia short film about our changing agricultural needs in the face of climate change. There were over 70 students and community members on blankets and in chairs to enjoy the film, cookies, and tea!



Newcomer Highlight

Ally Holian

ENVST Advisor

The ENVST program is excited to welcome Ally Holian as our new departmental advisor! She holds a Master of Arts in Higher Education and Student Affairs Leadership from the University of Northern Colorado. Her interests include skiing, hiking, playing with her dog and Star Wars. In her own words: "I love our students—advising them, and getting to know them in general. Our students are so passionate, which really makes advising for ENVST a great experience. Our program also allows for great hands-on experience as well, so I love seeing what our students do with their internships, research and capstone projects and how they make it their own. Each capstone project is so unique, and it's really great to see all the different routes students take with the major." Visit our website or email ally.holian@csbs.utah.edu to set up an appointment with Ally to talk about your degree path.

Spring Semester Events

January

Trax to Snax An opportunity to meet and engage with peers and faculty over your shared passion for delectal desserts and the environment!

February

Clean Air Challenge Join the Sustainability Office for the "Clean Air for U: A Travelwise Challenge" to help reduce your contribution to poor winter air quality.

March

Sustainability Leadership Committee

Event (TBD) A fun way to learn about ENVST related opportunities both on campus, in the community, job market, and abroad, as well as makign connections with others in the

April

Last Frost Kick-Off Come help the Edible Campus Gardens celebrate prepare for the next growing season! There will be a volunteer work session, delicious food, and the opportunity to learn about organic gardening.

