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GREEN GREYHOUNDS NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

I am Danny Esposito, the new Sustainability Coordinator here at Loyola University Maryland. To increase transparency, encourage collaboration, and promote awareness, the Sustainability Program will now be releasing a monthly newsletter. Each newsletter will feature one or two special stories, a spotlighted sustainability issue, and sustainability events happening in the Loyola community that month.



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Events This Month

This month has had some amazing environmental events and a few more to come! Here are just a few events that have happened so far!

- 11/2 Collaborative Environmental Action Club and Baltimore Biodiversity Alliance Educational Meeting
- 11/8 [The Grand Seminar](#) by Kartik Chandran on the Reengineered "Waste" Cycle
- 11/9-11/31 The Sustainability Program sent out its [Commuting Survey](#) to assess transportation emissions
- 11/12 EAC x BBA Oyster Cleaning
- 11/14 Global Sustainable Business Club Info Session

Climate Action Necessitates Individual Action



What Events are to Come?

- 11/18 Forever Green Thrift Store



Spotlight Issue: Recycling

Proper recycling technique is essential to waste diversion. Contamination often holds us back from proper recycling. Contamination happens when non-recyclable items are mixed in with recyclable items. The primary issue is that many of our definitions of "recyclable" are too broad.



Non-recyclable items include not just garbage, but also items that are only recyclable if the proper steps are taken. For example, if one recycles a plastic Starbucks cup with some coffee and foam left in it, that cup is food contaminated and non-recyclable. Furthermore, if someone recycles that cup, coffee may drip onto other properly recycled materials in the bin, those items are not contaminated.

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Monthly Fact: Scope Emissions

To properly understand the climate crisis, there are a lot of complex terms you need to know. When emissions are discussed, you may often hear the terms Scope 1, 2, & 3 emissions, but what does those mean?

Scope 1 emissions are direct emissions tied to a company's activities. For example, if a company owns a building that burns fuel that produces GHGs, those would be Scope 1 emissions. Scope 2 emissions are indirect emissions from a company's energy use linked to making a product or delivering a service. For example, emissions produced from the grid for a company's electricity use would be classified as Scope 2. Lastly, Scope 3 emissions are any indirect source of emissions associated with a company's value chain, including emissions that come from using a company's product. For example, the GHGs produced by a gas-powered car would be that gas company's Scope 3 emissions. Through this framework I hope you discovered a new way to understand a company's true carbon footprint.

Understanding language is a key part in addressing the Climate Crisis.





Thank you so much for reading!

I hope you enjoyed Vol 1, Issue 1 of the Green Greyhounds Newsletter! See you next month!

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