Hello Colleagues!

It is almost time for the end of the semester! Which means, summer is right around the corner. Before we get there, we have some exciting things still happening on campus.

The Student Life Team wants to help bridge the gap to encourage open dialogue, offer support to those with questions and concerns, provide information and resources, and sharing success stories across campus. The first effect of this is sharing our email address. Student Life can be contacted at STLS@Berea.edu, Student_Life@Berea.edu or at (859)985-3290.

Housing for the Fall Semester
It is time to pick your housing assignment. Look below for answers.

How Green Are You?
An interview with Joan Pauly
Berea College Housing

by Student Life

The Student Life Department would like to inform you of the housing plans for next year.

Due to the upcoming Danforth renovation during the 2018-2019 academic year, we have many changes with the residence halls. Bingham Residence Hall will be a female hall, Kettering Residence Hall will be a dual functioning hall, and Edwards Residence Hall will re-open and house women. Upper Class students will NOT be able to retain their current room. All first-year halls will remain as they currently are.

Residence Halls Breakdown

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Q: How many years have you done the Green Game? Over that time, how much carbon have we replaced with planting of trees?

Joan: We launched the first Carbon Neutral “Green” Basketball Game in 2014 with the last one taking place February 7, 2018, our fifth. We average about 24 trees per game, so once we plant this spring for the 2018 game, we will have planted around 120 native species trees. Each tree will absorb 86 lbs of carbon each year, so annually, they’ll absorb 10,320 pounds of carbon. AND, they’ll be absorbing about that much for the next 40 years, which is the life expectancy of the tree.

Q: The Eco-Challenge is one of the biggest competitions on campus. How did you come up with the idea?

Joan: It was really a collective effort. The campus was already participating in Recyclemania (to increase recycling) and Campus Conservation Nationals (to decrease energy use), and since both of these national competitions took place around the same time each year, my office decided to combine the two under one brand and make it our own and call it the EcoChallenge. We created an EcoChallenge committee made up of students, staff, and faculty that came up with the logo, worked on planning events to bring awareness to the competitions with one of our signature events being the Green Game. Talking about energy reduction and carbon neutrality is complicated, so we decided to make it fun with an annual basketball game where everyone could get involved.

Q: What is your goal for the EcoChallenge? Have you ever been surprised by the results?

Joan: My goal for the EcoChallenge is to bring awareness to the fact that we can all be mindful of how we dispose of our waste and how we use our energy. When we say we throw our garbage “away” there really isn’t any away…. it goes to somebody’s community that allows a landfill. The more we recycle our waste for re-use, the less we send to landfills. Same with energy use, I don’t expect people to sit in the dark, but I do hope everyone will be mindful of when natural daylight is sufficient, and not waste energy by keeping lights on. Same with heating and cooling. If you can control your thermostat, why make it toasty warm all day if you’re not home? So, it’s mostly about being mindful about our choices, and the impact our choices have on our environment and others. Yes, I’ve been very surprised at how competitive the residence halls get during Recyclemania! I was also very pleasantly surprised when our first Green Game was as popular in the locker room as it was in the class rooms.

Q: With the office of sustainability leading the charge, what are your next steps for campus sustainability?

Joan: Our next steps for sustainability are to continue to look for opportunities to create awareness about how we each impact the world we live in by the choices we make, and to offer sustainable suggestions and solutions for common, everyday living.

Empty Bowls

Berea community will have the opportunity to help address local hunger needs by purchasing a simple meal of soup served in a hand-made bowl, donated by Berea College ceramics student volunteers or local potters.

Motivational Speaker Dr. Kay Collier-McLaughlin

Berea College’s Athletic Department and the Student Government Association would like to invite you to the first-ever Division Three week. View more info on B-Linked.

Dandelion Festival

Come join us for education, celebration of our spring pollinators, the Kent family Circus, food trucks, a chalk art exhibition, outdoor sports activities, and more!
Go Green & CABCHELLA

Student Life and CAB put on the Go Green Weekend during St. Patrick’s Day Weekend! During the event Student Life brought in an Oxygen bar. Prepared Root beer Floats and Nachos. Offered a Photo booth, chance to Vibe with DJ Steel City, Poker, Card games, Casino games, and more! CAB Brought the fabulous Bobbi Storm and Alex Harris to perform.