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During this year's student move-out, the Office of Environmental Health and Safety's Recycling Program collected non-perishable food items to donate to the Rhode Island Food Bank, as well as gently used clothing to donate to the Catholic charity, St. Vincent DePaul. This office has been collecting food and clothing donations during move-out since 2004. This year, with the assistance of the 02908 Club, Providence College donated 2,200 pounds of food and 1,800 pounds of clothes!



In addition, the Office of Environmental Health and Safety helped Campus Ministry collect dorm and school items for their "Lightening Others Loads" donation drive. Items collected included: 30 lamps, 8 mini fridges, 6 microwaves, 20 mirrors, 30+ storage bins, school supplies for 10-15 students, 15+ Swiffers, 15+ rugs, 15+ lamps, and a lot of miscellaneous items. These items will be donated to incoming freshman students who need them. Together we collected so many dorm and school items that Campus Ministry ran out of space to store all the donations!



Furniture, Mattress, and Chalkboard Donations

In the renovation of Sowa Hall, during "Phase Two" of the Science Complex renovation project, there was a lot of old furniture that needed to be replaced. The old furniture was removed, donated, and will be reused, thanks to Hope of Life Ministries and Rhode Island Latino Arts. In addition, a bunch of the slightly damaged mattresses from the dorms on campus were donated to Hope of Life Ministries. Hope of Life Ministries is a humanitarian aid organization that strives to help Guatemalans both with material and spiritual needs. Rhode Island Latino Arts is the state's oldest Latino art and culture non-profit organization, working to promote and support local Latino art and artists.

The Meadowbrook Waldorf School in Richmond, Rhode Island burned to the ground due to a lightning strike, on Sunday July 29th. A volunteer mother-daughter team came to Providence College to collect chalkboards to help replenish their school. They are scheduled to come back to take a look at the leftover furniture from Sowa Hall to determine if they can use any more furniture for their school.



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We are approaching the start of year two of the EcoRep program at Providence College. EcoReps are elected members of Resident Hall Council, serving as sustainability leaders in their resident halls. The goal of the EcoRep program is to encourage students to reduce their environmental impact by teaching their peers about energy and water conservation, as well as recycling. They will be hosting educational events around campus and updating informational bulletin boards in the lobbies of their resident halls.



This year, we will be boosting the collaboration between EcoReps and Resident Assistants by hosting a “Green Training” for Resident Assistants. We want to ensure that Resident Assistants have the proper knowledge to reinforce the information coming from the EcoReps, by conserving both energy and water, and recycling properly. If both the EcoReps and the Resident Assistants are serving as resources and setting a good example for others living in their halls, there is a massive potential for a shift in behavior towards a more sustainable lifestyle here at Providence College.

In addition to hosting a Green Training geared towards Resident Assistants, the Office of Environmental Health and Safety will also be hosting green trainings for other groups at Providence College, including UG2, Sodexo, and Dunkin’ Donuts. The greater the campus-wide support of green initiatives, the better chance the EcoReps will have at making lasting change.

If you are interested in a Green Training for your office or group, email recycle@providence.edu



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PC received approval from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in May, to install state-of-the-art emission controls on its power plant electrical generators in 2018. These emission controls are similar to the catalytic converters on automobiles, only much larger. By installing diesel oxidation catalysts and continuous monitoring systems, PC will voluntarily satisfy more stringent federal clean air regulations. The catalyst systems will reduce carbon monoxide and volatile organic compound emissions in the engine exhausts by at least 70 percent, and particulate matter by at least 10 percent.



ISO New England is the organization that oversees operation of New England’s electrical power system (the “grid”). By installing these catalyst systems, PC will qualify to enroll in ISO New England’s “Demand Response Program”. As part of the Demand Response Program, ISO New England pays PC to be available to operate under its own power, instead of taking power from the grid, whenever the New England power grid is challenged to meet the public’s variable power demands.

Attention all faculty and staff!

If you need a recycling bin in your office or classroom, or notice one missing elsewhere, please email recycle@providence.edu so we can get you one!

Informative videos about recycling:

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=111&v=b16PUZWDQMO