

Sustainability Week Report

2019

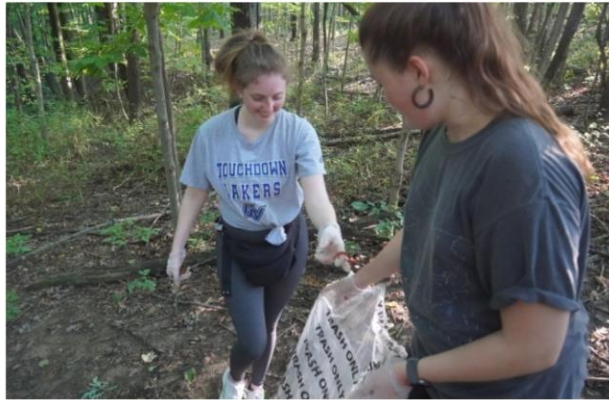




The Office of Sustainability Practices appreciates the support and help of all partners who worked together to ensure the success of this year's events. We are grateful to the Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies, Campus Recreation, Housing, Padnos International Center, Geography and Sustainable Planning Department, Student Environmental Coalition, Surplus Store, Bike Shop, GVSU Health and Wellness Task Force, Sustainable Agriculture Project, Campus Dining, and all the various student groups who supported our efforts.

Plogging For Sustainability

Students in the Plogging Club held a sustainability outing near the Calder Art Center. Plogging is an enjoyable, innovative idea where people combine exercise with volunteerism. Students walked/jogged in the ravines near the art center,



collecting trash as they exercised. The Plogging Club was able to gather two full bags of trash during sustainability week. Their efforts helped tremendously with the continued effort to beautify our wonderful campus.



Farmer's Market

The Grand Valley Farmer's Market collaborated with a variety of local vendors in an effort to bring fresh fruits and vegetables, delicious baked goods, as well as other household items, to the staff, students, and the Allendale community.



The Bike Shop also worked in partnership with the Farmer's Market to provide free bike tune ups for community members.



**At this annual event, we plant trees to
honor our partnerships around the world.
Thank you for being a valued partner!**

- Padnos International Center -

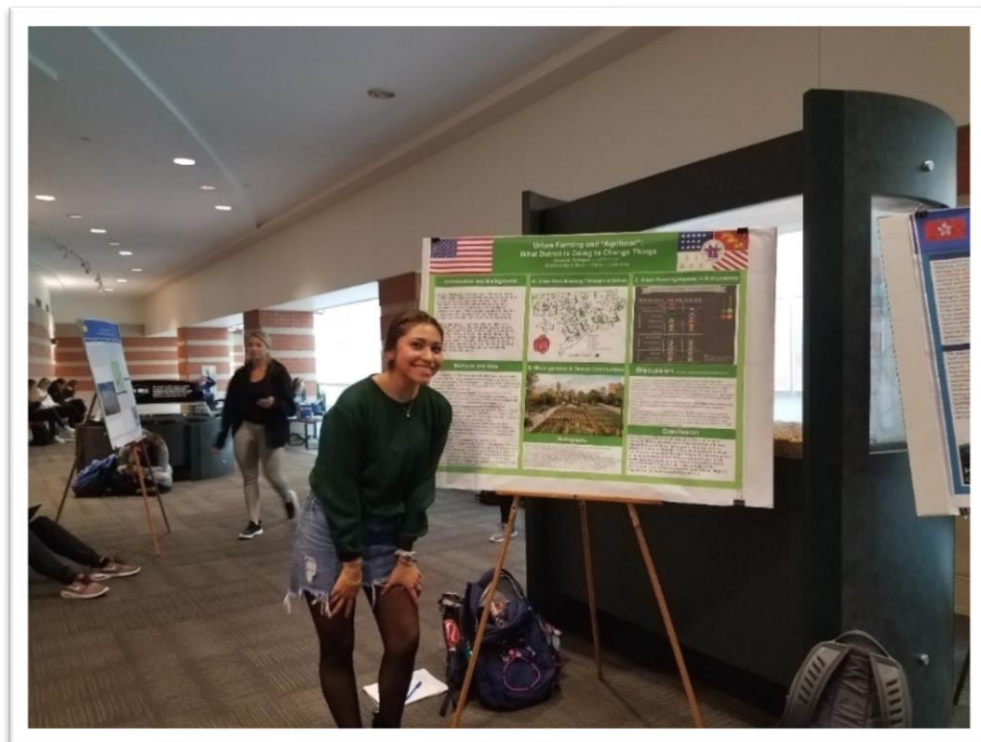
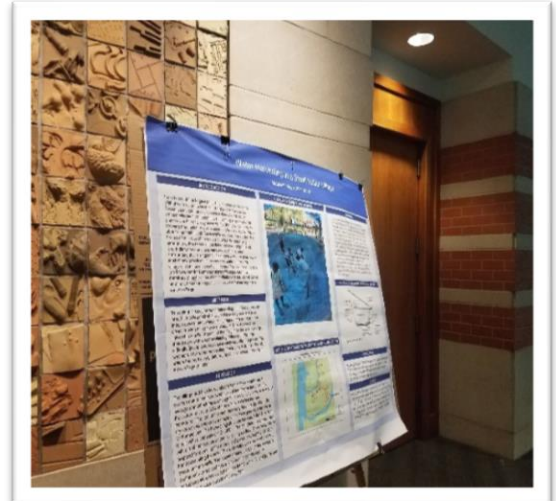
Global Grove

The Sustainable Agricultural Project had the privilege of joining the Padnos International Center for the annual international tree planting event. Global Grove gives international students a chance to plant a tree in recognition of Grand Valley's international partnerships. Twelve students participated in this year's event.



Sustainability Around the World Poster Presentations

Students of Geography 101 presented sustainable solutions for issues revolving around resiliency and climate change. These issues included: energy sources, urban planning, and agriculture. This was an awesome effort to help educate the GVSU community on matters surrounding global sustainability.



Calculating Your Water Footprint

Students participated in a workshop to measure and report their water footprint. During this event, students learned about the importance of good stewardship regarding water. After measuring their own water footprint, tools and strategies were given to students in an effort to reduce water usage!

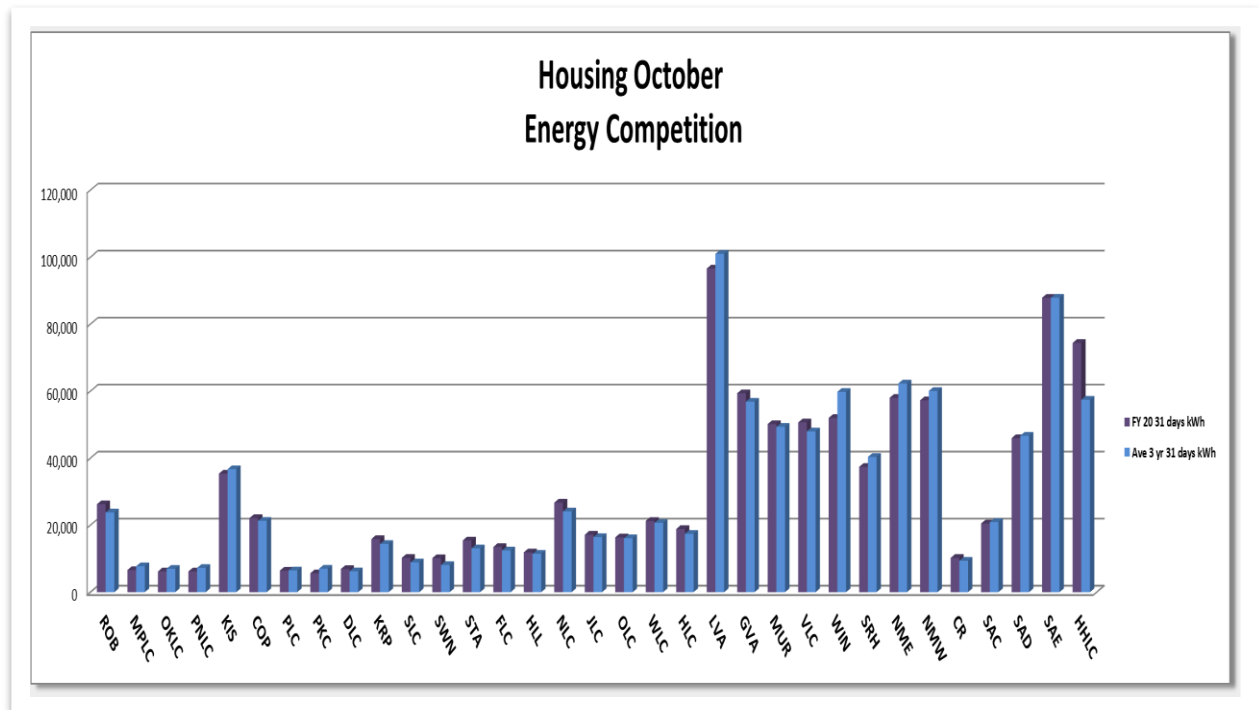
Grand Valley Surplus Store

The GVSU Surplus Store celebrated Sustainability Week by offering 15% off of everything (in store and online). Two lucky winners were also awarded a \$25 gift card to the Surplus Store.



GVSU Energy Competition

The Energy Competition is an annual event put on by Housing and Residential Life. During the month of October, residential living centers on campus competed with one another in an attempt to save the most energy. Each living center was charged with the duty of engaging students and creating innovative ways to conserve energy. Pickard Living Center won the 2019 Energy Competition. Overall, GVSU finished **1.3%** below the **3-year** average in the total housing system. This amounts to a savings of 12,831 kw and over \$1,000. We look forward to living centers continuing this effort throughout the entire year!



Blender Bike Bash

The Student Environmental Coalition provided delicious fruit smoothies to students in an efficient manner. The organization partnered with the Sustainable Agricultural Project and blended smoothies for students using a bike blender.



Thank you



We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the Grand Valley community for another successful Sustainability Week! Without your support and dedication to sustainability, our mission would be incomplete.

We look forward to seeing sustainable practices on campus throughout the school year, and we cannot wait to celebrate sustainability with you in 2020!