



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
MARION

October 2013

TO: AASHE Stars

FROM: Maryjo Munday, Human Resource Manager, The Ohio State University at Marion

RE: The Ohio State University at Marion Earth Day 2013 Event

To Whom It May Concern:

The Ohio State University at Marion in partnership with the Marion County Recycling and Litter Prevention Program coordinated their largest volunteer effort for Earth Day on April 22, 2013. To kick off the event community dignitaries gathered in front of a crowd of faculty, staff, students, and community guests to celebrate and honor the efforts of the Marion campus receiving the Green Buckeye Certification. The Green Buckeye Certification aims at recognizing offices, departments, and faculty who incorporate sustainability into their daily actions. Aparna Dial, Director, The Ohio State University, Office of Energy Services and Sustainability presented the award to Ohio State Marion senior administrative staff. The Ohio State University at Marion is the only Ohio State regional campus to date to have received this award.

To honor the sustainability efforts of the Marion campus, the Marion County Commissioners presented a beautiful six-foot Frontier Elm tree followed by a ceremonial tree planting.

Other events of the day included a campus clean-up by high school student volunteers, eco-art vendor demonstrations and displays, scavenger hunt, environmental pledge tree, arts and craft demonstrations using recyclables, office clean out, lunch and learn on "Living Green in Your Community", and a public "shred it" opportunity. Also, free seedlings of native grasses and wildflowers from the Marion campus prairie were given out during this community Earth Day celebration.

The Ohio State University at Marion takes great pride in their sustainability efforts and will continue to play a prominent role in supporting the university and local organizations in making our communities cleaner and safer places to live.

Sincerely,

Maryjo Munday
Human Resource Manager