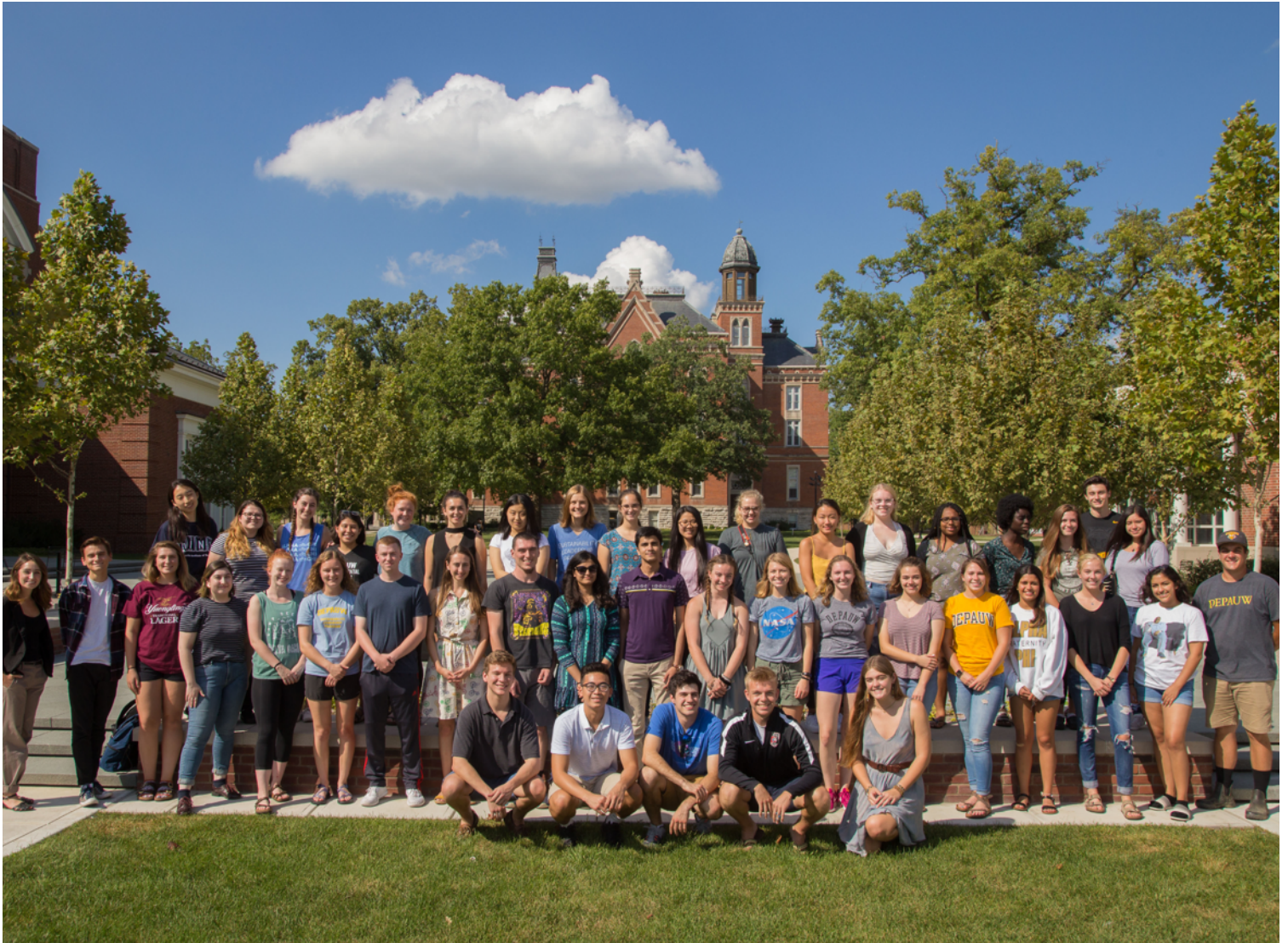


Sustainability Leadership Program



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Program Overview

The Sustainability Leadership Program (SLP) is an Office of Sustainability initiative. Through both paid and volunteer hands-on opportunities, students are equipped to navigate complex challenges and create lasting change to become the leaders of today and tomorrow. With over 75 students participating and 19 paid interns, SLP is one of the largest programs of its kind in the country.

Looking Back on Fall 2018

What an exciting semester it has been! After kicking off the year with our annual leadership camping retreat and cardboard recycling program during Move-In weekend, 75 students spent the semester working on a variety of campus-based sustainability initiatives. This fall, students were able to continue the community bikes program, attend more conferences than ever before, and initiate Sustainable Fridays. This new program became a weekly event in Stewart Plaza that offered fresh produce from the campus farm, gently used clothing from the Thrifty Tiger, and awareness of sustainable projects at the heart of campus.

The Sustainability Leadership Program continues to be supported by a number of campus and community-based groups. We could not function without the support of Bon Appetit, the Environmental Fellows program, the Hubbard Center, the Center for Spiritual Life, Family Support Services of West Central Indiana, Hoosier Environmental Council, and elected Greencastle officials. We offer our sincere thanks for their continued role in the development of our students.

The students continue to bring new energy to the program and develop new ideas. This semester, all 75 students joined forces to work on developing an environmental consulting project for more sustainable campus events, which will continue to benefit all students at DePauw. We are constantly impressed and inspired by these students and look forward to the many new ideas they have in store for next semester!



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FALL 2018 OVERVIEW

1 leadership camping retreat

75 students

5 groups

500+ DePauw students impacted by sustainability projects

13 weekly meetings

15 campus-wide events

10,000 pounds of vegetables harvested

DePauw Environmental Policy Project



The DEPP group spent the semester educating campus about political activism through tabling about the Land and Water Conservation Fund and sharing details Indiana legislators' environmental voting history in anticipation for the 2018 midterm elections. After attending Hoosier Environmental Council's Greening the Statehouse conference, DEPP ultimately helped the City of Greencastle apply for the 2019 Resilience Cohort with the Indiana Sustainability Development Program to complete a community-wide greenhouse gas inventory this summer.

Campus Farm

DePauw Campus Farm group members participated in Sustainable Fridays by hosting a farm stand each week, planned and debuted the fall Harvest Festival at the new Ullem Farm space, and helped deliver more sustainably-grown produce to Hoover Hall than ever before: over 10,000 pounds. They also visited Legan Livestock & Grains, Hobbit Gardens Erth Gathering Center, and Harris Sugar Bush to learn from other local producers.



Environmental Racism

The Environmental Racism group spent the semester learning about the principles of environmental justice, hearing from experts in the environmental justice field, and looking to define what environmental racism looks like on DePauw's campus. Members from the group also attended the NAACP Conference on Environmental Climate Justice to learn more about the role of women and music in environmental justice.



Zero Waste

The Zero Waste group tackled two major waste issues on campus: food and plastic. The food team hosted the first ever comprehensive waste audit in Hoover Dining Hall to assess the quantity of food being wasted and the reasons behind it. The plastics team took inventory of plastics in the C-store and surveyed students on the ease and accessibility of the Green-to-Go program in Hoover Dining Hall. Data from both projects will be used to inform waste reduction plans next semester.

Wilderness & Conservation

The Wilderness and Conservation group celebrated gold level sustainable certification for the DePauw Nature Park this fall with a community-wide monarch tagging event in partnership with Indiana Wildlife Federation. They also cleared invasive species at Turkey Run State Park, assisted in trail maintenance at the DePauw Nature Park, defined endangered species through the creation of an Indiana Red List, and explored opportunities for connecting nature and technology with the Tenzer Center for Technology.



THRIFTY TIGER

The student-run thrift store continues to play an integral role in campus waste reduction efforts. Two students debuted weekly pop-up sales during Sustainability Fridays, established weekly store hours, and hosted a screening of the documentary "The True Cost" which examined the hidden costs of fast fashion.

STUDENT TAKEAWAYS

"Being in SLP is more than being in a program, it is being in a community that cares about each other and actively works to include everyone in leading more sustainable lives."



"SLP has been the single most important organization I have become a part of since coming to DePauw and I am so thankful for all of the opportunities it has given me."



"SLP allows me to break free of my everyday routine and think about the world in a new perspective."



The Semester in Photos





Fall 2018 SLP Members

Mishal Ali '22
Betsy Anderson '22
Sophia Atkinson '22
Hannah Baker '21
Maggie Behr '21
Frankie Bell '20
Jordyn Blakey '22
Diana Borse '21
Seth Brawner '20
Amanda Chavez '20
Abby Cook '22
Sam Daughenbaugh '20
Collin Davidson '21
Soleil Decher-Morley '22
Samantha Eastridge '22
Sophia Featherstone '22
Catherine Fisher '21
Morgan Flecke '22
Kiara Goodwine '19
Durin Hendricks '21
Emily Hopp '22
Anna Horak '20
Cathelin Huang '20
Gillian Hughes '21
Akane Inoue '22
Olivia Jackson '21
Will Jacob '21
Katie Kessler '21
Mackenzi Lamb '21
Vy Le '19
Anh Le '21
Mayra Leon Coss '20
Laura Li '19
Yujia Li '21
Maddi Little '20
Erika Marchant '22
Tilly Marlatt '19
Claire Mohny '20
Rachel Moore '20
Son Nguyen '19
Paulette Parra '20
Nicole Pasho '19
Sarah Pereyra '19
Alex Peterson '19
Greta Raser '21
Donna Riner '20
Rafael Robert '19
David Rosene '20
Natalia Rueda-Marshall '22
Catalina Saldana '20
Anya Sanders '20
Shelby Schoen '21
Meher Sheth '21
Sophia Silcox '21
Cecilia Slane '20
Laura Spasske '21
Eric Spehlmann '21
Anna Stehlik '20
Kelby Stallings '22
Charlie Stewart-Bates '20
Dana Strauss '21
Monica Stefaniak '22
Nina Katarina Stular '22
Mary Stute '21
Miguel Suarez '20
Emily Tekien '20
Michael Troutman '21
Katelyn Vierk '21
Jovita Weah '20
Anna Werkowski '19
Emma Wittkowski '20
Xinye Yang '21
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