

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL & EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

Hello, Tarleton Family!

We wanted to take a few minutes to share some information about Tarleton's Environmental Advisory Council, current green initiatives around campus and upcoming Earth Day activities.

Environmental Advisory Council

The purpose of Tarleton's Environmental Advisory Council is to:

- (1) promote an understanding of natural resource conservation and environmental health through formal and informal education of students, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community;
- (2) encourage research to monitor and reduce the size of an individual's and an organization's environmental footprint and to maintain and restore natural systems;
- (3) serve as an institutional model of environmental excellence through compliance with regulations and minimization of adverse impacts on local ecological systems; and
- (4) serve as a resource to other University committees.

Members are appointed based upon position within the university and from volunteer requests from faculty and staff across the campus. Membership is limited to 15 faculty/staff members and 3 student positions.

Anyone interested in the council or wishing to inquire as to how we can be of assistance can contact Hector Davis at (254) 968-9842, or by e-mail at hcdavis@tarleton.edu

Some current initiatives and items of note around campus:

- Dr. Hennen Cummings (Aquaponics and Turfgrass Management) is working on a plan to assist with post 4th of July parade recycling and cleanup in an effort to help bring attention and education to the local community by getting them involved to help reduce littering while making it more convenient and fun.
- Student Life is currently tackling the trash problem on campus through the "Don't Mess with Tarleton" campaign, as well as looking into initiate a possible "Adopt-a-Campus" program. Keep your eyes open around campus, and feel free to inquire if you want to get involved!
- Risk Management & Compliance at Tarleton is going to be implementing secure shredding services for the campus community. More details to come soon!
- SSC is currently in the process of retrofitting campus lighting with LED bulbs and has already realized a significant energy savings.
- SSC Grounds Maintenance has employed an effective and environmentally sensitive Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM) as well as a sustainable path to landscape management on campus.
- Tarleton maintains a proactively growing recycling program (currently recycling approximately 250 tons per year), with over 400 receptacles around campus. We are currently working on an updated map to show additional drop off points for faculty/staff/community.
- Many new bottle filling stations have been installed across the campus:

- Campus Buildings
 - Engineering Technology
 - EJ Howell Education (5)
 - Wisdom Gym (3)
 - Welcome Center (2)
 - Business Administration (10)
 - Hydrology (4)
 - Thompson Student Center
 - Nursing (3)
 - Library (3)
 - Central Receiving Warehouse
- Residence Halls
 - Traditions Hall (4)
 - Texan Village Clubhouse
 - Legends Hall
 - Legacy Hall
 - Heritage Hall
- Ag Farm
 - Teaching Pavilion
 - Equine Center
 - Agrisystems Management (2)
- WK Gordon Center (Thurber, TX) (2)
- Baseball Field
 - Batting Cage (2)
 - Visitor Dugout

Earth Day

- The Environmental Advisory Council staffs multiple booths across campus each Earth Day to provide additional information about student groups, programs and other ways to get involved. This year you can participate in the “Bottled or Not” drinking water challenge for an opportunity to win a t-shirt, frisbee or reusable water bottle!

There are many other opportunities for anyone who wishes to get involved. Please let us know if you are interested!

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