June Newsletter
Sustainability at Babson Updates

Food Waste Diversion Launch
Babson College is launching a food waste diversion pilot program this summer at Trim Dining Hall through a joint initiative between Facilities Management, Dining Services, and the Sustainability Office. [Read the full story here!]

Babson's Fourth Annual Office Supply Swap
Clean out your desk, office, and supply closet!
Monday, June 3rd - Thursday, June 6th

Bring items to Hollister lobby on Monday, June 3rd and set it up on the tables. Take anything you see that you can use in your office! Any items remaining will be donated on Thursday, June 6th.

Are some of your items too big to bring over?
Place a workorder through portal and Facilities will pick them up!

SRI Retirement Option
Babson College staff and faculty can now choose to allocate their retirement accounts to socially responsible investment accounts.

To learn about how these funds were selected, [read the full story here.]

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Sustainability Spotlight: MOB 3522
This past spring, Dr. Sinan Erzurumlu's MOB 3522: Leading and Managing Sustainability class was based around consulting for a specific sustainability challenge.

His students worked on several different projects that looked at:

Positive Design: A business model that up-cycles the immense amount of cardboard used in packaging, focusing on getting more use from it and recycling it.
Food waste at Subway Restaurant: research and interviews found that "greening" the current Subway business model was challenging despite interest in sustainability from the franchise manager they met with.

Food waste at Trim Hall: Students studied the amount of pre- and post-consumer waste generated by Trim, and looked for ways to transition the Babson culture and community to less wasteful habits. Their efforts were focused on the food system, rather than only on Trim's operations.

Re-Waste: The Re-Waste team tackled the large amounts of food waste thrown away by large grocery stores and presented a solution to collect this food waste to offer in a restaurant setting. They expanded their idea to use the restaurant revenues to build a community support system.

Babson College Sustainability Ranking
Babson College was ranked one of Bloomberg's 2013 Top 10 Best Undergraduate Business schools for Sustainability. The ranking was based on student responses to surveys asking them to rate their programs sustainability offerings. Babson College made the list among other green schools including William & Mary, Santa Clara, and Loyola Marymount.

Additionally, Babson College was also one of the 322 most environmentally responsible colleges in the U.S. and Canada, according to The Princeton Review. The Princeton Review highlights the fact that Babson "considers sustainability not only desirable, but an obligation." Mentioned in the ranking are Babson College's 350-acre organically maintained campus, STARS participation, LEED Silver Certification, locally sourced cafeteria offerings, and focus on highlighting sustainable career choices for students.

CSA at Babson
Through a collaboration between Lorien Romito of the Glavin Office of Multicultural and International Education and the Sustainability Office, a CSA program is being launched at Babson. Participants will receive fresh produce delivered to campus every week during the summer and early fall, directly from a local farm. Contact Lorien or the Sustainability Office if you have any questions!

Environmental Sustainability Senior Award
Renee Edwards was presented with the inaugural Environmental Sustainability Award for the Class of 2013, which is given to a senior who has excelled in courses within the Environmental Sustainability concentration.
Renee was chosen from several candidates based her GPA, the number of courses she took in the Environmental Sustainability concentration, and based on strong recommendations by the faculty that teach courses in the Environmental Sustainability concentration.

Congratulations Renee!

Sincerely,

Sustainability at Babson