



## MEMBER UPDATE

**News to ReUse**

**February 2020**

### Chair's Message

Hi everyone,

I hope you are off to a good start in the new year! I'm going to jump right in to what is coming up this year.

The webinar topics are fantastic (they sparked a lot of questions and debate among the marketing committee, which is exactly what they should do!). Thank you for participating in our survey to help choose them. If you would like to present as part of any of the webinars or know someone who would be a good fit, please let us know by emailing [curc3r@gmail.com](mailto:curc3r@gmail.com).



Here are the topics:

1. Collaborations with Academics: Student Projects and Campus Engagement
2. Plastic Policy: Innovations on Water Bottle Bills, Bans and Behavior Change
3. Reaching Your Collaborators: Communicating for Connection and Education
4. Managing Surplus Property for Zero Waste
5. Composting for Your Campus
6. Zero Waste Marketing for Your Program: Strategies for Giveaways

[A complete list with dates, times, and opportunities to register for webinars here!](#)

Jen Maxwell and the marketing and programs committee has already

started planning the workshop for AASHE 2020, and we're going to try and top the 2019 workshop (because we love a good challenge!).

We have a new pricing system for sponsorships; it includes some lower cost options (like a shout out in our newsletter) to make sponsoring CURC accessible to companies of all sizes. Accessibility for the win! You can email [curc3r@gmail.com](mailto:curc3r@gmail.com) for more information on a variety of sponsorship packages available.

The job board on the CURC website is up and running thanks to Eric Halvarson (let's be honest, he keeps all the digital content running and we'd be lost without him), so [if you know someone looking for a job in sustainability or recycling send them the link here.](#)

Lastly, don't be shy – share your successes with us! We can celebrate together. Follow the link in the newsletter below to submit your feature for a [#CURCCampusSpotlight.](#)

Looking forward to a great 2020!

Best,

Brittany

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CURC webinar 2020 SERIES

Collaborations with Academics:  
Student Projects and Campus  
Engagement  
February 20, 2-3pm EST

CURC brings you a webinar for engaging with student projects on campus to further your own sustainability and waste management programs.

Need a new logo for a food pantry? Contact an art class. Need volunteers for a river clean up? Connect with a biology lab. 3 presenters will offer their own experiences students can bring to their program and how sustainability contributes to a student's education.

[Register for this webinar by following this link.](#)

To see the entire 2020 Webinar series schedule and register, [click on this link.](#)

Review CURC's 2019 series in full by clicking below  
<http://curc3r.org/webinars/webinar-archive/>





UC Berkeley, Berkeley CA  
March 18-19, 2020

## National Zero Waste Conference

March 18-19, 2020 *Berkeley, CA*

The National Recycling Coalition has announced the National Zero Waste Conference for later this spring.

[Click here to learn about this conference.](#)



Student Sustainability  
Conference

Southeastern Student Sustainability Conference  
(formerly Southeastern EcoReps Conference)

Friday, February 28- Sunday, March 1, 2020  
Appalachian State University- Boone, NC

## Southeastern Student Sustainability Conference

February 28 - March 1, 2020 *Boone, NC*

[Conference registration is open](#) to student EcoReps, sustainability interns, students already working in sustainability related internships at their university, and faculty and staff advisers from around the region. The focus of this conference is on peer leadership training and collaboration in collegiate sustainability.



## AASHE Conference and Expo 2020: "Mobilizing for a Just Transition"

October 4-7, 2020 *Milwaukee, WI*

This year's annual AASHE has been announced, and we invite our members to learn [more about this year's program](#), and begin [working on proposals that speak to the theme of a "Just Transition"](#). Are you working to catalyze a just transition? Join us at AASHE!

## RECYC-L Topics of the Quarter

- **How do you completely eliminate plastic bottles from your campus?** It looks like [UVM](#) and [Vanderbilt](#) have done it (Thanks Kaity from Boston University), and Stanford and the University of California are trying!
- **How to make custodial services more efficient by eliminating bins?** We found

some interesting responses from UMBC and UCLA, including that the APPA may have resources on custodial efficiency, and that UCLA has had a positive experience centralizing waste collection so that custodians can eliminate trivial time on waste collection.

Learn how to join the RECYC-L Listserv for free by clicking on this [link](#).

## NEWS AND TRENDS

### Popular Media

#### "Lies, Damned Lies, & Recycling"

A thought provoking piece shared on our listserv describing the difficult of recycling in the United States, the history of the field, and what might need to be done to change our recycling infrastructure.

-Matt King, The Baffler. [Click here to read in full.](#)

### Industry Article

#### Top 2019 Stories from Plastics Recycling Update

Look back at 2019 for the top articles on plastic recycling you may have missed in the industry.

-Plastics Recycling Update. [Click here to see what made the cut.](#)

## New CURC Resources and Opportunities

### CURC Campus Spotlight



#### Clemson Recycling

"We partner with Clemson Life, a program for students with intellectual disabilities, and the special needs program at Pendleton High School to offer valuable work experience to students that they can use after graduation and for the rest of their lives. The students help us sort recyclables, clean up around the facility, wash vehicles, etc. They're a hoot - they have so much spirit and they keep our team in check!"

#### How does this connect to the College and University Recycling Coalition?

"This is a way that Clemson connects with students and the community. We learn from each other and we get extra hands a few hours a week and a morale boost."



We want to share your campus story with other CURC members and recognize how amazing our network is. [Follow this link to our website to submit your project for a campus spotlight!](#)

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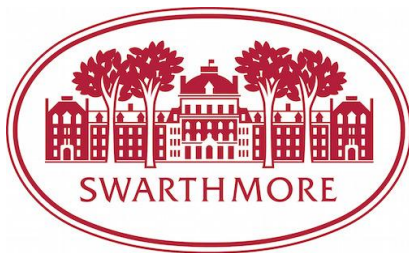
## CURC Job Board recent listings



[University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Project Coordinator \(Posted: Jan. 15, 2020\)](#)



[Johns Hopkins University, Supplier Diversity & Sustainable Procurement Lead](#)



[Swarthmore College, Director of Sustainable Maintenance \(POSTED: Dec 11, 2019\)](#)

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