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## What's Happening With IGEN

### Organization Building

#### 1. IGEN FY 10 Funding Received in Full: What this means to you!

On September 27, Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC), IGEN's fiscal agent, received written confirmation from the Department of Education that the \$600K appropriation, which was submitted earlier in the month, has been approved. This is the last of four separate FY 10 grants IGEN was waiting to secure.

With this latest approval, existing IGEN-funded sustainability and green economy positions are able to receive financial support through June. Those colleges without a sustainability professional funded through IGEN will be allocated \$5,000 in seed money for sustainability efforts. The IGEN administration team will be working in the coming weeks with SWIC to determine the appropriate next steps for distributing these funds. As more information becomes available, we will let you know. Your patience through this process is greatly appreciated.

In addition to the above, these funds will allow the IGEN administration team to hire a full time web specialist to fully develop the [IGEN website](#) and create a web presence for all colleges.

This is an exciting step forward for IGEN, and the administration team greatly appreciates the dedication and commitment you have all shown throughout this process.

### Greening Your Curriculum

#### 2. Official Launch of Greening Your Curriculum

The Illinois Green Economy Network's Greening Your Curriculum website is completed. Please visit, [www.igencec.org/gyc](http://www.igencec.org/gyc) to view and download GYC resource modules and references. It is important to note this is an evolving project and therefore it will see many updates in the coming months. If you have resources, comments or suggestions, please contact [Alessandra Cairo](#).

Due to budget and time constraints, the online content the IGEN administrative team originally offered to develop never came to fruition. However, we have not abandoned the intention to develop an online component to the GYC program. The goal of the administrative team is to identify and interview some of the top innovators of GYC in the higher education community, including faculty, non-profit and business leaders.

We anticipate many colleges may run the GYC program this spring and will endeavor to have online content ready prior to the spring semester.

The IGEN administration team would like to give a special thanks to all those colleges that contributed to the GYC program to date, including Black Hawk College, College of Lake County, Elgin Community College, Heartland Community College, John A. Logan College, Kankakee Community College, Kennedy King Community College, Lake Land College, Lewis and Clark Community College, Lincoln Land Community College, Moraine Valley Community College, Oakton Community College, Southwestern Illinois College, Waubensee Community College and Wilbur Wright College.

#### 3. GYC Courses Around Illinois

The [College of Lake County](#) will be offering a four-part workshop beginning October 28. Workshops will be weekly, from 3:00pm-5:00pm. For more information on CLC's GYC program, contact [Dara Reiff](#), Sustainability Coordinator.

**John A. Logan** will be offering two sessions on October 11 during their professional development day to introduce the GYC program. For more information on John A. Logan's program, contact [Tim Gibson](#), Sustainability Coordinator.

The first Green Your Curriculum training session at **Lincoln Land Community College** will be held in conjunction with their professional development day on October 26. A one-hour workshop, from 4:55 to 5:55 p.m. will address sustainability in the college curriculum and glean resources and ideas for incorporating sustainability into their courses. Follow-up sessions will be held the first week of November and in January. For more information on Lincoln Land's program, contact [Julie Bates](#), Green Center Manager.

**Waubonsee Community College** will offer a graduate course through a partnership with Aurora University. This course will allow faculty to discuss and explore sustainability in the classroom, examine ecological principles & new avenues for incorporating sustainable practices into the curriculum of any discipline. This five-week course begins October 18 and ends November 15. For more information on Waubonsee's program, contact [Annie Laurie Cadmus](#), Sustainability Specialist.

On September 15, **Southwestern Illinois College** held their first of four GYC sessions where the definition of sustainability and how it relates to the classroom was addressed. These discussions went well and were followed by a discussion of what is meant by "greening your curriculum." The book "147 Tips to Teaching Sustainability" was introduced and at the second session, which was held on September 29, tips, projects and assignments were the topics of discussion. For more information, contact [Walter Arenstein](#), Director of Sustainability.

## Pilot Pathways

### 4. IGEN Webinar Series is a Huge Success

On September 23, IGEN kicked off its Webinar Series with Thin Client Computing. Over 30 people joined this webinar where they were able to hear about Lakeland's success, discuss their college's current and future plans, and ask questions.

[View a recording of the Thin Client Computing webinar.](#)

For more information on Thin Client Computing, contact [Lee Spaniol](#), Director of Information Systems and Services; [Bill Warfel](#), Systems Programmer and Network Administrator; or [Joe Tillman](#), Director of Sustainability.

For information on Heartland Community College's experience with Citrix technology and Dell computers, contact [Doug Minter](#), Chief Information Officer; [Mike Bokus](#), Director of Technology Support Services; or [Rebecca Rossi](#), Associate Director of the Green Institute.

**Save the date: IGEN's next webinar, Local and Organic Foods is October 28, 2010, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.!**

Are you interested in urban agriculture, growing local food, providing your students with healthy alternatives? Join several Illinois Community Colleges for an engaging and informative webinar on the successes and challenges of growing and providing local and organic foods on their campuses.

Please participate in this webinar both as a presenter and an observer. If your college has existing programs for local or organic foods, contact [Jesse Foote](#) in advance to reserve a slot of time to share information about your successes and challenges.

## 5. IGEN's Energy Survey

Thank you to all those who were able to participate in the IGEN Energy Survey. If you did not complete your survey, or if you did not have a chance to respond by the deadline and are interested in doing so, please contact [Alessandra Cairo](#).

The information obtained from these surveys will be used in IGEN presentations with Illinois utility companies. We received great results, and will certainly be able to use these results to show the utilities how the community college sector is well poised and able to act as an implementation partner.

Formal results will be released within one month. Of the 21 responses received, a few interesting results include: 67% of respondents have an energy related training facility or equipment available on campus, 91% have Motion Sensors (for lighting) and at least 2 green courses are offered at each college.

## Communications

### 6. Call for Your College's Success Stories

The IGEN administrative team is looking for your success stories, college highlights, upcoming events and all things relative to sustainability and green practices on and around your campus. This information will be used on the IGEN website and in IGEN's Network News. Your stories are what set IGEN apart, and we want to hear them! Please contact [Alessandra Cairo](#) with your college's news.

## What's Happening Around Illinois

### Community College Highlights

#### 7. Harper College Offers Green Short Courses

Harper College is offering a [series of green short courses](#) through their continuing education department, this semester.

On **Tuesday, October 12**, Wayne Borscheim, of Design-Tex Fabrics, will present **Green Textiles and Sustainable Upholstery Fabrics: Evaluation, Performance and Cleanability**

Visit a premier business showroom and receive the latest information on high-tech upholstery fabrics for use in both residential and contract projects.

On **Tuesday, November 9**, Sue Olson, LEED AP Professional and Faculty at Harper College will present **Why You Need to Know About LEED?**

Change your life, attract new clients, save the planet! Learn all you need to know about the LEED rating system and why it is important. Explore LEED certification requirements for homes and businesses and determine the necessary time commitment and strategies involved.

To register Call 847.925.6300. For more information on classes, e-mail [Jacque Mott](#).

#### 8. 11 Presidents sign the renewed Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact at a Sustainability workshop hosted by MVCC

In yet another step to show the college commitment to sustainability, representatives from 11 Southland colleges and universities signed the renewed Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact Sept. 14 during a sustainability workshop hosted at Moraine Valley Community College.

The schools are part of the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium (SMHEC), a 19-year-old partnership among 12 colleges and universities. 5 of the Consortium members are also members of IGEN: Kankakee Community College, Moraine Valley Community College, Prairie State College, Joliet Junior College, and South Suburban College.

By signing this compact together, these institutions made themselves accountable to completing certain tasks that will work toward measured improvements and integrate sustainability in campus operations, academic and research programs, student activities, and community outreach. Every institution signed to one of three levels—gold, silver or bronze—each with a different number of tasks to complete. “We’re excited about the efforts of the member colleges and universities of SMHEC as well as their direction and commitment to sustainability. We know that these efforts will be here for our students today and into the future,” said Andy Duren, executive vice president of administrative services at Moraine Valley and SMHEC Sustainability Taskforce co-chair. “Individually, we’re excited [Moraine Valley] signed for a goal of gold, but we’re equally excited how each college in the consortium has signed at levels that will stretch each of us in the next five years. Everyone tried to reach further than where we are today.”

The compact was signed at the sustainability workshop hosted by SMHEC on Sept. 14 and 15. More than 120 representatives from the institutions participated in the event where they shared, discussed and learned about sustainability practices and planned ways to implement those ideas on their respective campuses. Keynote speakers included Dr. Mary Spilde, president of Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon, and Ray Rieck, vice president for Business Services at Lake Land College in Mattoon, Illinois.

“This sustainability conference demonstrated the value of collaboration and sharing of ideas and practices. The SMHEC consortium has helped us all to focus our efforts to create more environmentally friendly and energy efficient campuses,” said Dr. Eric Radtke, president of Prairie State College and chair of the SMHEC Presidents’ Council.

Member institutions of the consortium include Moraine Valley, DeVry University, Governors State University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, Lewis University, Northwestern College, Prairie State College, South Suburban College, Saint Xavier University, and University of St. Francis.

For more information on SMHEC or the compact, contact [Genevieve Boesen](#), executive director of SMHEC, at (708) 534-4984.

**PHOTO CAPTION:**

Participants in the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium who signed the Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact include (from left) Gary Miller representing Governor Quinn’s office; Diane Marek, chief academic officer, Northwestern College; Dr. Jamal Scott, president, DeVry University-Tinley Park; Dr. Ryan Smith, vice president of institutional advancement and research, Joliet Junior College; Dr. John Avendano, president, Kankakee Community College; Dr. Elaine Maimon, president, Governors State University; Dr. Michael Vinciguerra, president, University of St. Francis; Brother James Gaffney, president, Lewis University; Dr. Vernon Crawley, president, Moraine Valley Community College; John Collins, vice president of business and administration, Illinois Institute of Technology; Dr. Eric Radtke, president, Prairie State College; and Don Manning, vice president of administration, South Suburban College.



## Of Interest

### **9. The College of Lake County: Hiring Director, Green Economy Centers.**

CLC is hiring a Director of Green Economy Centers. The director will work in collaboration with CLC faculty and staff, the Sustainability Coordinator, local/state government agencies, not-for-profits, members of IGEN, and other agencies and organizations engaged in energy efficiency and conservation efforts. To learn more, or apply, visit the [CLC Employment Site](#).

### **10. New Initiative to Put Americans Back to Work in Growing Clean Energy Sector**

With jobs in the country's emerging clean energy sector growing more than twice as fast as jobs overall, the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) and Jobs for the Future (JFF) have joined forces on a two-year project that will spur green jobs education, innovation and training at community colleges in the United States.

**The Greenforce Initiative™: Advancing Greener Careers and Campuses** seeks to strengthen the capacity of community colleges in the United States to implement or refine high quality green career pathway programs while responding to immediate and long-term workforce needs in emerging green sectors. Support for the initiative comes from a two-year, \$1 million grant from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, while a two-year, \$250,000 grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation is supporting the initiative's implementation in Michigan.

The Greenforce Initiative™ was highlighted as a featured commitment at the April 2010 Clinton Global Initiative University meeting in Miami, Florida. The initiative has created six regional Learning and Action Networks and has partnered with community colleges in North Carolina, Northern Virginia, Metro Chicago, Southern Texas, Seattle and Michigan.

In Illinois, the Greenforce Initiative™ is partnering with IGEN to provide high-quality assistance to community colleges to strengthen their capacity to develop, expand, or refine green pathway programs that are designed specifically for lower-skilled adults/non-traditional students who cannot currently access such programs. The initiative will also utilize campus sustainability efforts as a "learning laboratory" for education and training activities.

Visit <http://bit.ly/alz7ze> to see the complete press release.

Visit [www.greenforceinitiative.org](http://www.greenforceinitiative.org) and <http://bit.ly/dtr3Eo> to learn more.

### **11. Infusing Sustainability Into the Curriculum**

In this excerpt from an upcoming League publication, *The Sustainable Community College: Holistic Approaches to Sustainability*, one community college district shares its goal to educate and inspire students to make the world more sustainable, and the collaborative effort of faculty in many disciplines who come together under this common goal. Read more in the September issue of [Learning Abstracts](#).

## Calls for Help

### **12. Volunteer Opportunity: Greenbuild 2010, Chicago**

Full-time college students and professionals age 25 and under are needed! This year's Greenbuild 2010 is November 17-19 at McCormick Place West. Volunteers will be required to volunteer for a minimum eight hours and will then receive free admission to the conference. For more information, or to register, please visit [Greenbuild 2010](#).

### **13. Chill Out: Campus Solutions to Global Warming**

Are you taking climate action on campus? Are you a hard-core grassroots organizer? Chair of the Sustainability Committee? Have you spurred an initiative on your campus that reduces its carbon footprint?

If you answered YES to any of those questions, **Chill Out is the competition for you!** The National Wildlife Federation is looking for campus projects that reduce global warming pollution, including projects in green jobs, students in action, innovative design, campus actions, green sporting events and projects taking place at high schools.

**HOW TO ENTER:**

1. Create a [2 minute video](#) about your project
2. Fill out the [entry form](#) with info about your project
3. Upload your video to <http://www.gogreentube.com/groups/NWFChillOut2010-2011>

**Entries are due by December 19.** For contest rules and entry form, go to <http://www.campuschillout.org/>

**WINNERS WILL RECEIVE:**

- \* Grant money
- \* National publicity
- \* Your campus video featured in nationwide webcast

**Students, faculty and staff are eligible to compete!**

**Events**

**14. Fall Festival 2010**

Southwestern Illinois College's Red Bud Campus is hosting a Green Fall Festival. The event will offer fun for the whole family, including free activities for children, a presentation on greening the home and green Jeopardy!

For more information, contact Amy Brockman at 866.942.7942, ext. 8104.

Saturday, October 2, 2010 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Red Bud Campus, 500 W. South Fourth St.  
Red Bud, IL

**15. Utilizing Compost Workshop**

*Who Should Attend?* Nurseries, landscapers, municipalities and landscape composters interested in composting opportunities for horse manure, landscape waste, or food scraps:

- Composting Opportunities
- SB 99 2009 rule changes
- Citing and likelihood of needing a ILEPA permit
- IL DCEO Food-Scrap Composting Program
- Industry Panel to discuss composting business and opportunities

To register call ACES Marketing & Distribution at 1.800.345.6087 and indicate your desire to sign up for the October 4, 2010 workshop. Please have your credit card ready. Registration without proper remittance will not be processed.

For more information, contact [Ellen Phillips](#), University of Illinois Extension, Countryside Extension Center, 708.352.0109 or [Randy Fonner](#), University of Illinois Extension, Dept of Ag and Biological Engineering – UIUC, 217.333.2611,

Monday, October 4, 2010, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
Hooved Animal Humane Society, 10804 McConnell Rd.  
Woodstock, IL

**16. Southern Illinois Sustainable Living Expo**

John A. Logan College is pleased to be a sponsor of the 2010 Sustainable Living Expo. This is an event for all ages, all income levels, and all shades of green. Registration is free and you will learn about Locally Grown Foods, Energy, Conservation and more!

For more details, and to register on-line, visit [www.shawneercd.org](http://www.shawneercd.org).

Friday and Saturday, October 8-9, 2010  
Dixon Spring Agricultural Center

**17. 2010 Wind Summit**

Prairie State College is hosting Wind Summit 2010. The purpose of this summit is to provide a forum which not only educates on the wind industry, but also encourages and supports involvement through communication and developing business relationships. With several experts on the agenda, insights into wind energy opportunities for both the manufacturing industry and educational institutions will be provided.

To register, visit [http://matteson.prairiestate.edu/news\\_events.html#windsummit](http://matteson.prairiestate.edu/news_events.html#windsummit).

Monday and Tuesday, October 11-12, 2010  
Prairie State College  
1223 Lakeview Court, Palatine, IL

**18. AASHE Community College Luncheon**

Join the American Association of Community Colleges and ecoAmerica to learn about the Sustainability, Education & Economic Development Center, a leadership initiative, resource center, and online sharing environment for community colleges to dramatically ramp-up programs to educate America's 21st century workforce and build the new economy. Open to all interested in new economy workforce training, not just community college attendees.

For more information, visit <http://conf2010.aashe.org/specialevents/meetings>.

Monday, October 11, 2010  
AASHE Conference  
Denver, CO

**19. Presentation, Book Signing and Reception with Joel Sartore**

The CLC Sustainability Center is thrilled to announce a presentation, book signing, and reception with Joel Sartore, acclaimed National Geographic photographer and author! Don't miss this exciting opportunity. Purchase tickets at the CLC box office. Contact [Nasima Patel](#) with questions!

Wednesday, October 13, 2010, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
University Center, College of Lake County  
Grayslake, IL

**20. USGBC-Illinois's (North/Northwest Branch) Private Networking Event and Tour of the Health Home 2010**

The North/Northwest Suburban Branch of USGBC-Illinois would like to invite you to join them for an introductory meeting and private tour of the Healthy Home 2010.

Presented by Healthy Child Healthy World, Healthy Home 2010 is a groundbreaking designer show-house that sets a new benchmark for stylish green living with a focus on healthier indoor air quality. In an unprecedented collaboration among design industry leaders and indoor air quality experts, Healthy Home 2010 showcases how to create a healthier home from the inside out.

To register, visit <http://admin.usgbc-chicago.org/widget/calendar?eventId=209554&EventViewMode=EventDetails>.

Thursday, October 14, 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Healthy Home 2010  
1223 Lakeview Court, Palatine, IL

### **21. Sandra Steingraber's Living Downstream**

This feature-length documentary debuts on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Normal Theater in Uptown Normal. Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased in advance at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com).

This documentary of Sandra's life and work is based on the book of the same name. *Living Downstream* documents the growing body of scientific evidence that links human health with the health of our environment and concludes that the best way to beat cancer is by preventing it in the first place.

Immediately preceding the film screening, a **Healthy Harvest Brunch** is planned for 11:00 a.m. at Medici's Upper Level. Brunch tickets are available at Garlic Press, Naturally Yours, Medici's, Towanda District Library, and online at [www.thelandconnection.org](http://www.thelandconnection.org)

Steingraber's alma mater, Illinois Wesleyan University, will host a lecture by Sandra from Noon-1:00 on Monday, Oct. 18 at the Hansen Student Center (300 E. Beecher St., Bloomington). The lecture is free and open to the public.

Sunday, October 17, 2010 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m.  
Monday, October 18, 2010 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Normal, IL

### **22. 2010 Illinois Energy Expo**

Join the Association of Professional Energy Consultants (APEC) and Heartland Community College for this statewide event which will bring together business leaders, building energy managers, building contractors, energy industry experts, energy educators and residents to explore energy conservation options that will help reduce energy costs and positively impact the Illinois economy. Exhibitors and presenters will offer information about energy efficient and alternative energy technologies and services, as well as financial assistance and incentives available for residential, commercial and industrial customers.

Visit the [APEC website](http://www.apec.org) for more information or to register as an exhibitor.

Thursday-Saturday, October 28-30, 2010  
Marriott Hotel & Conference Center  
201 Broadway Avenue, Normal, IL

### **23. Solar Market Transformation Conference**

This one-day solar conference, hosted by the Center for Renewable Energy at Illinois State University, the Midwest Renewable Energy Association and Heartland Community College will be held as part of the [2010 Illinois Energy Expo](http://www.2010illinoisenergyexpo.com) at the Marriott Conference Center. This event will bring together a variety

of presenters to provide valuable information about our solar resources, technology, economics, marketplace, training capacity and partnerships to an audience of mayors, city planners, council members, and the general public.

Confirmed presenters include **Mayor Chris Koos** from Normal, **Mayor Larry Morrissey** from Rockford, **Mark Burger** of the Kestrel Development Company, **Dave Kennell** from the Center for Renewable Energy, **Nick Hylla** from the Midwest Renewable Energy Association, and **Tim Wilhelm** from Kankakee Community College.

Visit the [APEC website](#) for more information and to register.

Friday, October 29, 2010  
Normal Theater  
209 North Street, Normal, IL

#### **24. Winter Snow and Ice Workshop**

Sodium chloride (NaCl), or common salt, is by far the most popular roadway deicing chemical because of its reliability, economy, and usability. However, it is also corrosive to vehicles, roadway surfaces and bridges and has been found to have adverse effects on the environment. In addition, research indicates that chloride levels are increasing in McHenry County's surface water and groundwater, and salt used for pavement de-icing is one of the primary sources of this increase. Therefore, a reduction in salt use, through sensible salting, is likely the most effective method of reducing the risks of chloride contamination.

To register, visit <http://www.co.mchenry.il.us/departments/waterresources/Pages/index.aspx>.

Friday, October 22, or Friday, November 5, 2010, 8:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m.  
McHenry County College  
Crystal Lake, IL

#### **25. The BIONEERS at McHenry County College: Food - How it's all connected.**

Hosted by the Lou Marchi Total Recycling Institute, the MCC Conference Center and the Culinary Management Program at MCC, the BIONEERS event will feature breakout sessions that focus on local and organic food, how to be a locavore, energy efficiency resources and global climate change.

Keynote speaker for the event will be Jim Braun, coordinator of the IL Local Food, Farms and Jobs Council, who will discuss "Food – How It's All Connected."

This year's event will also include a Green Living Expo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in MCC's multi-purpose room. The expo is free and open to the public.

Admission to the conference itself is \$30 for adults and \$20 for students. CPDUs are available for teachers, and the fee includes lunch featuring local organic food prepared by MCC Culinary Management Program students in cooperation with Chef Zak Dolezal from Duke's Alehouse & Kitchen.

For more information or to register for MCC's local Bioneers conference, go to [www.mcbioneers.com](http://www.mcbioneers.com) or call Kristine Emrich at 815.479.7570 or Pat Dieckhoff, waste reduction assistant for the Lou Marchi Total Recycling Institute at MCC, 815.479.7817, or email [mccconferencecenter@mchenry.edu](mailto:mccconferencecenter@mchenry.edu).

Saturday, November 6, 8:30 a.m-4:30 p.m.  
McHenry County College

## **26. Sustainability Across the Curriculum Leadership Workshop**

AASHE is announcing a two-day workshop for faculty leaders of all disciplines who wish to develop curriculum change programs around sustainability on their campuses.

Through an intensive two days of presentations, exercises, discussions, reflection and planning, participants will become familiar with the philosophy of change in higher education developed through the Ponderosa Project at Northern Arizona University and adapted at Emory in the Piedmont Project. Participants will also experience a range of workshop strategies, hear local experts, and enjoy outdoor place-based activities and dialogue with faculty from around the country as they gain help in adapting this model to their own campus. In a supportive and stimulating environment, workshop members will reflect on their own roles in the transformation of higher education. Readings and materials will also be provided.

These highly successful workshops are led by Geoffrey Chase of San Diego State University and Peggy Barlett of Emory University. Peggy and Geoff are editors of *Sustainability on Campus: Stories and Strategies for Change*.

Workshop tuition is \$420 for AASHE members and \$485 for non-members. Tuition covers snacks and lunches on both days of the workshop, handouts, materials, and an evening reception on the first day of the workshop.

**Applications will be accepted until October 22, 2010** and final acceptance letters will be sent out after November 1, 2010.

January 6-7, 2011  
Emory University  
Atlanta, GA