

2019 MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPIONS

The Sustainability Committee recognized faculty, staff, student and project sustainability champions at the 2019 Earth Day Celebration on April 23. Recognition plaques were developed by Dr. Alex Johnson and awarded by the Sustainability Committee Chair, Dr. Nadine Garner.



Student Champion: Ms. Mamie Covell

Mamie currently chairs the sustainability committee within the Student Government Association, where she and her team create sustainable initiatives on campus and listen to concerns related to sustainability from students and the community. Mamie's creativity & passion for sustainability shine through in her work with others. She has run a DIY Reusable Bag night with the SHARP Team to help them learn about upcycling and making sustainable choices. Her fellow students have nominated Mamie because of her passion to make the Millersville campus community more sustainable, as well as her dedication to educating and informing the student body on sustainability.



Faculty Champion: Dr. Justin Mando

Dr. Mando's focus at the university is Science Writing, and he uses this in interdisciplinary writing classrooms to help students understand and explore ideas of sustainability. He has developed a Kayaking on the Susquehanna assignment that helps students physically explore sustainability and has resulted in conference presentations and internships for undergraduate students. He has helped to organize local stream cleanups by Millersville University and annually conducts a Susquehanna Stories green reading event at Saxbys that gives students the chance to share their environmentally-focused writings in an open mic setting.



Staff Champion: Ms. Michele Bote

Ms. Bote is an assistant director within Experiential Learning and Career Management (ELCM). She is an active member of the Sustainability Committee and is always willing to go the extra mile to help support sustainability efforts at Millersville. In fact, going the extra mile is what Michele does best. If you don't know her personally, you've surely seen her as she rides swiftly through campus on her daily commute. Michele embodies sustainable commuting on campus. She is an avid cyclist and the leading reason that Millersville University has won Commuter Services of PA's College Green Commute month for two years running (riding).



Project Champion: Monarch Waystation

This fall, Dr. John Wallace earned Millersville University recognition as a Monarch Waystation with Monarch Watch—a cooperative network of students, teachers, volunteers and researchers dedicated to the study of the Monarch butterfly. Monarch waystations provide milkweeds, nectar plants, and shelter for monarchs throughout their annual cycle of reproduction and migration. Dr. Wallace in collaboration with Pat Goldback of grounds and Entomology Club has established several campus locations that support monarchs, including milkweeds on the hill behind Roddy Hall along Pucillo Drive, the butterfly bushes next to Roddy Hall and Breidenstine Hall, and milkweeds in Caputo courtyard. While the areas may not be bright green and colorful year round, they're worth a closer look and deserve reflection on the critical habitat they provide.