

## **GROWTH FOR THE GREEN TEAM**

By Celene Lovato

As the culture of sustainability grows on campus, so does our office. Along with our new residence, we've had quite a shift in personnel. With three full-time staff and over a dozen student employees, we're practically bursting at the seams! Not to mention our amazing group of volunteers, fully equipped with their own room in our new space. Not a day goes by that we're not using our sunlight-filled meeting room to collaborate and discuss new ideas and events in the interest of building a sustainable environment within our university. The passion in the air is thick, and the commitment even thicker. From energy conservation to zero waste, sustainable transport to volunteer organization, our office never sleeps. Both veteran and new employees alike strive to create an atmosphere that is pleasant, educational, and contagious. The current sustainability crew will continue to strive to teach and inspire as leaders on campus.

Introducing our new members:

Clare Thomas – Recycling Assistant "The Sustainability Office is doing many amazing things on campus and it has so much potential for growth. I am very excited to be a part of it and see what the future holds!"

Alex Greanias – Recycling Assistant "As a new member of the Office, I can't thank everyone enough for making the tremendous effort in helping me feel welcome and involved. It's been an absolute pleasure working with such an incredibly passionate and talented group of people, and I can't wait to see just what our team is capable of this semester in truly bringing sustainable change to this campus, and everybody who considers it their home. Thanks team, you're the best!"

Kazi Zubair – Recycling Assistant "I've worked for a few weeks at the Office of Sustainability and I love going there. Everybody is friendly, helpful but at the same time, highly professional. Before joining, I worked as a volunteer in several of their events regarding campus recycling. One may simply not realize how much effort the people of this office are making for the betterment of campus recycling. I feel fortunate to be part of this team."

Celene Lovato – Communications Assistant "I've never worked in such a positive environment. It really feels like we're making a difference here, and to have the opportunity to be a part of that is simply amazing. I'm looking forward to seeing what we come up with this semester, and you should too!"