Dear Gina,

Welcome to the first Sustainability Newsletter of the new Loyola school year. We hope you take a moment to learn about everything going on at Loyola and participate in upcoming events. Please take a moment to visit our revamped [website](http://example.com) and learn more about what YOU can do to advance sustainability at Loyola. A major initiative taking place in Fall of 2012 is crafting a sustainability plan for the University. Attend any sustainability-related event to learn more or click on the 'Strategic Planning' link on the sustainability webpage to learn more or provide comments through an online survey. Loyola is advancing sustainability through its [campus](http://example.com/campus), [curriculum](http://example.com/curriculum) and [community](http://example.com/community). Join us!

Aaron Durnbaugh  
Director of Sustainability

### New Compost Collection Program at Loyola

Loyola is pleased to announce that composting will be coming to Lake Shore Campus.

All organic wastes coming from Simpson Dining Hall started being composted in August 2012. Additionally, members of Loyola community that would like to arrange composting collection can drop off organic wastes outside of Simpson Center during specific times each week. Other dining services will be adding composting to their operations over the course of the year.

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**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Featured Campus Events:**

Faith in Place Director, Rev. Dr. Clare Butterfield, is coming to campus to speak about faith & sustainability in a presentation entitled "Faith in Place: Stronger Congregations for a Sustainable World." Pre-registration is required: Click on "Event Registration" above to RSVP.

- **Wednesday, September 12, 3:00pm - 5:00pm**
  - Piper Hall, Room 210
Join us for a Behind-the-Scenes tour of two of Loyola's newest additions, Cuneo Hall and Klarcheck Information Commons. Both buildings provide exceptional examples of efficient, innovative design. Come learn how these buildings work, and how to be a knowledgeable occupant to maximize the capabilities of each facility.

Tuesday, September 18, 10:30am - 12pm
Information Commons, 4th Floor

Join Olivia Cohn of Global Philanthropy Partnership and Loyola's own Director of Sustainability, Aaron Dumbaugh, as they present the City of Chicago’s Sustainability Plan and the award-winning Chicago Climate Action Plan. Discussion will cover the process for addressing and measuring sustainability at various scales, greenhouse gas inventories, preparing for climate change, and

Loyola University Chicago partners with Northwestern University in Biodiesel Enterprise and Outreach

As of this July, Loyola has partnered with Northwestern University to increase biodiesel production, education, and outreach on both campuses and beyond.

The extensive collaboration between Loyola and Northwestern will also involve local company Chicago Biofuels. The young start-up company collects used cooking oil to be cleaned and then delivered for use as a renewable fuel, in this case a chemically converted biodiesel fuel. Most importantly, Chicago Biofuels maintains the same core principles of sustainable biodiesel production, education, and community development as
improving quality of life through sustainability planning.

Wednesday, September 19, 2pm-4pm
Cuneo Hall, Room 311

Sun Come Up, an academy award nominated film about climate change, will be screened on campus as part of our partnership with the Catholic Climate Covenant Coalition. Presentations by experts in the field and discussion will follow.

Thursday, October 4, 6:30pm
Information Commons, 4th Floor

**Featured Community Events:**

Great Lakes Bioneers is coming to Chicago, November 2-4, 2012! This 3-day conference entitled "Innovators and Visionaries Inspired by Nature" will feature keynote speakers Bill McKibben, Dr. Vandana Shiva, Richard Heinberg, and many more!

November 2-4, all day
UIC, Student Center East

The Chicago Wilderness Biennial Congress is coming

Cuneo Hall has Applied for LEED Gold Certification

One of Loyola's newest additions to campus, Cuneo Hall, has just applied to the U.S. Green Building Association for a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification, the highest possible category of green building certifications.

Check out the article at [Inside Loyola](#) and register for our [Behind-the-Scenes tour](#) of Cuneo Hall and Information Commons on September 18!

Loyola Signs International, National, and Faith-Based Commitments to Sustainability
up! This event will provide the representatives of the alliance's 260 member organizations a forum to join students, educators, volunteers, community partners, and interested members of the public in a dynamic exchange of ideas, success stories, and lessons learned.

Thursday, Nov 15, 8:30a-4:30p
UIC, The Forum

Check out our Events Calendar for more event listings and registration!

Loyola University Chicago continues its leadership on matters of sustainability by signing onto four new commitments. The commitments involve supporting a sustainable campus and student experience by becoming signatories to widely accepted sustainability "compacts." These agreements outline the University's pledge to work towards expanding a sustainability program, engaging the campus community, greening our operations, and monitoring our performance.

The four new commitments are: the Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact, the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change's St. Francis Pledge, the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, and the Talloires Declaration.

To learn more about each of these commitments, read the official press release here.

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Loyola University Chicago strives to create a more sustainable university community. Doing this requires the collaboration, cooperation and creativity of every department and office and of all students, faculty and staff. Together we're building awareness, taking action and transforming society into one that will lead us sustainably down the path of ecological and social responsibility.