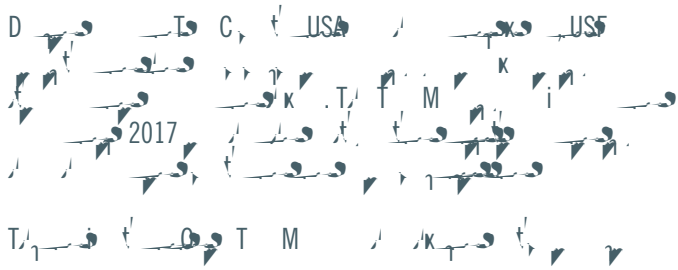


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CAMPUS FOOD WASTE RECOVERY TEAM RECEIVES STUDENT SUCCESS AWARD

The Student Green Energy Fund (SGEF) is a USF program designed to better the university through student, faculty, and staff led sustainability projects. The USF Campus Food Waste Recovery project was approved for SGEF funding in October of 2018.

The project’s purpose is to pilot test a program that will provide the USF community with a place to support food recovery and zero-waste initiatives through the use of anaerobic bio digesters. It also explores potential savings that may come from recovering campus food waste internally. The project team has identified sources of food waste on campus, coordinated the transportation of the food waste, managed the digesters, and are in the process of exploring the usability and cost-effectiveness of the byproducts.

A team of employees from Facilities Management [Suchi Daniels, Ray Miller, Tobin McCall, Chris Martin, Bill Land, Kim Tomkinson (no longer at USF), and Ray Curbelo (no longer at USF)] assisted a team

of graduate and undergraduate students by offering support and guidance, donating various materials and providing a space for bio digesters to be built.

Suchi Daniels says her favorite parts of working with the diverse team have been watching them interact with all of the departments in FM and seeing their perspectives on what is relevant and important.

Whitney Fung, PhD candidate and PI on the project, says it’s “amazing how [they] were able to reach out to people across campus and in the community to identify individuals with specific skills, needs, and resources”. They collaborated with a number of diverse and knowledgeable individuals and the project goals received a lot of support.

The Student Success Collaboration Award honors the work of a team that has demonstrated the value of reaching across colleges and units to generate impactful programs and practices to advance student success. The Campus Food Waste Recovery Team was recognized as the 2020 winner of this award.

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