



Sustainability Newsletter

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"What we are doing to the forests of the world is but a mirror reflection of what we are doing to ourselves and to one another."

-Mahatma Gandhi

Earth Week Was A Success

This year at NKU, Earth Week kicked off on April 21st with an Earth Day of Service and wrapped up on April 28th with a #StopFoodWasteDay. Approximately **400 pounds** of waste was diverted from the landfills through our Supply Swap and **591 pounds** of waste was diverted from the landfills through our Thrift Shop, two of the many activities students, faculty, and staff took a part in! Approximately **269 pounds** of items from the Thrift Shop were donated to the Brighton Center, a place of hope and recovery for people facing issues that prevent them from being self-sufficient.



Earth Day of Service Mulching at BB&T



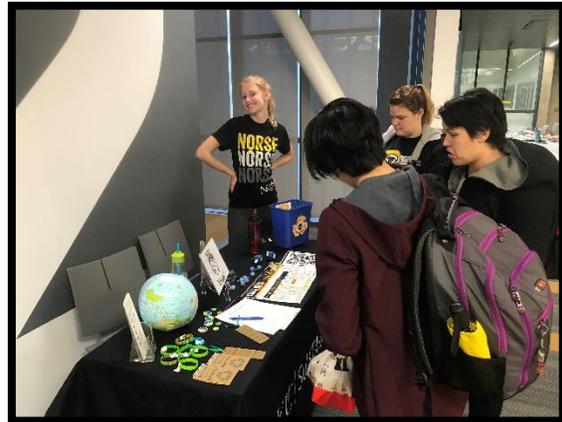
This year's Earth Week was made possible by the selfless volunteers that set aside time in their busy week to serve the environment! A BIG thank you to everyone that was able to participate! With the abundance of helping hands, Northern Kentucky University's BB&T arena was mulched and trees were planted to beautify the landscape for commencement.

Free Trees



Nearly **200** trees were given away on campus to be planted by students, faculty, and staff! "A **single** mature tree can absorb carbon dioxide at a rate of **48 lbs./year** and release enough oxygen back into the atmosphere to support **2 human beings**." - *McAliney, Mike. Arguments for Land Conservation.*

Sustainability Themed Cycling Class



To promote our bike share program on campus, we held a sustainability themed cycling class this year for Earth Week! Students, faculty, staff, and community members joined the ride to practice healthy living and listen in on NKU's bike share program. To read about and participate in the use of on-campus biking, click [here](#).

Congratulations to all of the graduates, we appreciate all of your hard work. Summer is here to enjoy, be safe and stay active!

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