

TULIP Gardening Program: Featured in a Yes! Article, the Tuskegee United Leadership and Innovation Program is currently gearing up for the launch of their TULIP Community Garden Clubhouse, which will be a hub for garden activities and development in their area (Macon County, Alabama). This project will be the basis of distant student, pictured to the right, Lindsey Lundsford's MEM project, and will be supported by Western via the Hayley Fund. They are also gearing up for the planting of two fall community gardens, and their fall garden courses! As stated in the article, "On the program's half-acre community garden, members grow traditional African-American crops such as okra, corn, squash, watermelon, eggplants, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, and a special variety of purple sweet potato bred by George Washington Carver, a renowned Black agriculturalist. They supply three local grocery stores and two restaurants, and train their neighbors to start their own home gardens". Learn more about their feature in Yes! [here](#).



Housing:

To any current MEM students graduating this year and moving away from the valley, please post your available apartments/housing in the Gunnison Valley to the [MEM Student Housing Exchange](#) Facebook page for new incoming MEM students. A good place to check is also the [Gunnison Market Place](#) group or the [Gunnison Shopper](#).

Events/Conferences:

Lime Plaster Workshop: Lime Plastering workshop in Gunnison **tomorrow, September 10th at 9am - 5pm**. This is a free workshop in the morning and a work session the rest of the day to finish up lime plaster final coat on two existing layers of adobe plaster. A lunch meal and a tour of this net-zero energy home will be provided to attendees who RSVP to: Steve Schechter @mtnsolar.schechter@gmail.com. or call our landline at: 970-641-3567.

International Society of Sustainability Professionals (CO chapter) Conference: This is a workshop from **September 25th-29th** that ISSP is hosting in partnership with Shadowcliff, a non-profit educational lodge and retreat center in Grand Lake, CO. [Beyond Sustainability: A Workshop for Professionals](#) was designed to revitalize those of us working in the sustainability sector, the schedule includes sessions on mindfulness in the work place, hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park, collaboration, S-CORE, and more. The faculty is a refreshing mix of private and public sector experts (including me and the Executive Director of Shadowcliff), all excited to share in this experience. This unique event is an ISSP Colorado Chapter event but it is open and available to all sustainability professionals. Four days and four nights of all-inclusive programming, lodging, meals, and activities starts at \$425 a person. Local's tuition is just \$225. **The registration deadline is THIS Sunday, September 11th** and space is limited so [please register today](#).

Peace Corps Launch: Just a reminder that in one week, the [Peace Corp Prep](#) program will launch on September 14 from 5:00 till 7:00 in the North Ballroom. We will have food, guest speakers, and a panel to help students, staff, faculty members, and community members learn more about Western's Peace Corps Prep program and how service in Peace Corps has changed professional opportunities and lives. Please contact Chris Nutgrass at christopher.nutgrass@western.edu for more information about this event.

Co-founder of CoWorking Space, Dennis Lankes Presentation: From Montrose, Dennis will be speaking on campus at **9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 16th**. His Proximity Space was named "Best CoWorking Space in the World" by Forbes Magazine. While it's the keynote for an all-day conference, people are welcome to come to the keynote only for a \$5 donation to the Community Foundation. In case you know someone interested in the entire day, an agenda is included as an attachment with the list of presenters. These topics aren't the "usual suspects," and the "boot camp for new staff" might be of special interest to students thinking about a career in the nonprofit world.

ENDOTREND Sustainable Festival to Benefit AASHE: **ENDOTREND**, a Sustainable Festival of Music + Art + Education + Film, will be coming to Denver, Colorado on **Saturday, Oct. 1st**. This philanthropic endeavor will feature local artists, musicians, festival organizers and businesses that give back to the community and inspire attendees to become civically engaged to support nonprofits doing incredible work to manifest change in their communities. Attendees will have the amazing opportunity to engage in interactive workshops, gain insight and solutions from world renowned individuals, to connect, network and converge! This year, a portion of all ticket sales to ENDOTREND will benefit AASHE and other eco-social conscious organizations. Support the advancement of sustainability and attend this festival with a purpose. Get your ticket today [here!](#)

Further Items of Interest:

Sustainability Coalition: Come be a part of sustainable projects and events here on campus by joining Sus Co! Meetings are on **Tuesdays at 12:30pm** in Kelley 129 for now. Homecoming is September 24th and they are already starting to think about float ideas as well as ideas for throughout the year such as providing clothing lines in the residence hall laundry rooms and bringing in a vegetarian./vegan chef for a sustainable cooking night. Come bring your ideas with you and be a part of the change here on campus!

MEM LinkedIn Group: Thanks to MEM student Joe Acampora, there is now a LinkedIn for the MEM program that is available at this [link](#). Go check it out!

2016 Campus RainWorks Challenge: Register now for the fifth annual Campus RainWorks Challenge prize competition! This challenge asks student teams to design innovative green infrastructure for their campus. This year teams will incorporate climate resiliency and consider community engagement in their green infrastructure designs for storm water management. EPA is calling for college and university students to form teams with a faculty advisor to participate in the competition. Multidisciplinary teams are encouraged (comprised of planners, engineers, designers, scientists, and more). Teams will compete in either the master plan or demonstration project categories. Registration for this year's competition will be open from **September 1-30, 2016**. Teams **MUST** register in order to submit an entry. **Entries are due December 16, 2016**. EPA will offer faculty and student prizes. Faculty advisors will receive \$3,000 for first-place teams and \$2,000 for second-place teams. Student team members will receive \$2,000 for first-place teams and \$1,000 for second-place teams Please see their [website](#) for more information and to register. Additional questions may be directed to Katelyn Amraen at RainWorks@epa.gov

Volunteers Needed at The Center for Adult and Family Education: Seeking dedicated volunteers to work with adult learners for English as a Second Language and Basic Education. For more information feel free to contact Karen Hausdoerffer at khausdoerffer@western.edu with questions.

Merrell College Ambassador Program: Are you wild for the outdoors and in college? Do you like getting your friends and others outside? [Apply now](#) for the Merrell College Ambassador Program. Outdoor Nation and Merrell are looking for 12 college ambassadors that are empowered and excited to get other students from their campus outside and active. That's right, Merrell and Outdoor Nation want you influencers who love being outside to join their team. From **November 2016 - June 2017**, the Merrell College Ambassador Program will enable inspired students to build a strong connection between their campus communities and outdoor recreation through campus-wide activation, social outreach and enthusiasm for the outdoors. Deadline to apply is September 30th. More information can be found on their website [here](#).

2017 SWIS-ISWA Competition on Sustainable Waste Management Essay: The Solid Waste Institute for Sustainability (SWIS) at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), Texas, USA is pleased to announce the essay competition on "Sustainable Waste Management". Students and professionals from around the world are invited to write an essay on a specific aspect of solid waste management in their respective countries. The authors of the best essays will be awarded scholarship to attend the ISWA-SWIS Winter School (to be held at UTA from January 16-27, 2017). SWIS has introduced these scholarships to promote the importance of sustainable waste management for developing healthy and sustainable urban cities. **Application deadline is September 15th**. You may submit application [here](#)!

Van Driving Training: Facilities will be offering a Driver Training Class on **Tuesday, September 13th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm** in the Facilities Break room. Please obtain a copy of your motor vehicle report (your driving record) from the DMV if you have a Colorado driver's license, if you have an out of state license, please bring that with you. The insurance company will no longer run the report for them on in-state licenses. If you or persons from your department plan on attending this session, please send Nickie Thompson an email at nthompson@western.edu confirming their attendance **by TODAY, September 9th**. This class is necessary for any Faculty, Staff or Student workers that plan on driving a WSCU vehicle and are not already on the Master Driver List.

Eco Career Resources: The eco-friendly business sectors pave the way for promoting a green environment while encouraging job creation and economic growth. While green job growth has experienced periodic dips and setbacks, its overall trajectory is distinctly positive. This positive growth has resulted in exploding interest in college degrees and professional green careers in sustainable energy, agriculture, health, law and practically every other segment of the economy. Explore the nation's top green careers and the road map to landing one [here](#).

Master Student Business Cards: Through B&B printers, you can develop your own card, separate from Western, with a cost of \$60.00 for 250 cards. However, if you want to use the Western Template, then it will only be \$32.00 for 250 cards. Using the Western Template is the most cost efficient, and recommended. Email mcasteel-denney@western.edu to get the template. You will need to do this on your own by filling out the template attached and sending it to creativeimages970@gmail.com. In the email, you will need to say you are a MEM student, will be using the Western template, and will be paying for it yourselves.

Project Opportunities:

Tyler Grimes's Project: Enduru Sustainable Development. Enduru is a village in Western Province, Kenya, located between Butula and Bumala in Busia County. Project continuation would work closely with the New Creations Self-Help Group to create opportunities and meet the needs of the community through sustainable development strategies. Potential projects include: Working with local NGO ARDAP (appropriate rural development agriculture program) on a farming project on New Creations Children's Home land. Find out more about ARDAP at <http://www.ardap-kenya.org> or ARDAP Kenya on Facebook, There's an openness and need for future projects of all kinds. This project is an opportunity for anyone looking to work internationally at a grassroots level. For questions or more information email tyler.grimes@western.edu.

Wolf Creek Pass Area Project Possibility: This is something that might be a great project for one of our MEM SRC (Sustainable and Resilient Communities) students. Student will conduct a Cost of Community Services Study that provides a baseline for evaluating the economic impacts of the proposed "Village at Wolf Creek" development on the surrounding communities. Student will be working with Rocky Mountain Wild Executive Director, Tehri Parker. The student should be self-directed and have previous economic analysis experience. More info about Rocky Mountain Wild can be found [here](#). For more info on this project email tehri@rockymountainwild.org. Rocky Mountain Wild can cover travel costs, and provide a \$1500 stipend for successful completion of this project.

Possible MEM Project with LCBAG: Sarah Mudge is in charge of Lake County Build a Generation (LCBAG), a non-profit org working to help kids have healthier lives, including getting them connected with nature. LCBAG was awarded a GOCO "Inspire" grant to create a plan to provide outdoor activities for underserved kids in Leadville. The MEM program might have a student who would like to work on this new effort and Sarah was very interested in the idea. You may contact Sarah at sarah@icbag.org if this project possibility interests you.

Gunnison Sage-Grouse Conservation Engagement Project. The Dove Creek Working Group has floated an opportunity for an incoming or current student to assist with a community engagement project using either interviews or surveys to understand landowners knowledge of Gunnison Sage-Grouse and their willingness to partake in conservation efforts. If you are interested, please contact Corrie Knapp at cknapp@western.edu.

Looking for Project Assistance and A Mentoring Opportunity? There is an opportunity to work with undergraduate sociology students this coming semester. Undergraduate students are required to assist with a sociology-related research project and contribute 75-90 hours. Requirements for mentors is that you engage students in the entire research project, help students accomplish their learning goals, and give students an applied experience of what research at a graduate level is like. If you are interested, please contact Corrie (cknapp@western.edu) before the beginning of the semester.

Jobs:

CU Boulder Sustainability Manager Job: The sustainability program manager will serve to develop, manage and coordinate a department-wide program of environmental stewardship, resource conservation, applied environmental science and policy research, and environmental literacy and community outreach. The program manager will represent the Department of Facilities Management at applicable meetings with University and community leadership and more. Additional info found [here](#). Please apply by **TODAY, September 9th** for full consideration.

San Luis Valley Great Outdoors Coordinator Position: Administer and coordinate projects and programs of San Luis Valley Great Outdoors. Provide day-to-day management of a regional trails and outdoor initiative, along with planning for long-term financial and structural sustainability of the organization. Assist local governments and organizations which have Valley trail and recreation interests and programs, to coordinate efforts, raise funds, and successfully enhance and increase outdoor recreation for both local residents and economic development. Refer to attachment for more information. To apply for this position, please send your resume, cover letter and salary requirements to SLV Development Resources in care of Michael Wisdom at wisdom@slvddrg.org or P.O. Box 300, Alamosa, CO 81101. 719-589-6099. **Deadline for position is next Monday, September 12th.**

Site Supervisor & Program Manager Service Position: The CSU Extension 4-H STEM AmeriCorps Program is an initiative to provide youth exposure to STEM programming. Reports to: Site Supervisor (Christy Fitzpatrick) & Program Manager (Melinda MacPherson) Service Position Summary: This member serves in Chaffee county developing, strengthening and delivering youth development programs emphasizing 4-H STEM in out-of-school time settings to ensure that children and youth (ages 8-18) have the tools and opportunities that will lead to graduation from high school and preparation for entering the workforce while developing their interest in STEM. One part-time AmeriCorps position is needed. [CSU Extension 4-H STEM AmeriCorps Program](#)

Local Government Commission Position (LGC): Looking for Climate Change and Energy Coordinator. It is a full time position. Supporting Directors and Project Managers with CivicSpark implementation and other climate change program work . Located in Sacramento, CA. Submit resume and cover letter to Erin Hauge at lgc@lgc.org. See attachment for full description.

Intern with Natural Capitalism Solutions for the Fall. If you are interested in consulting or other sustainability endeavors, check out their [website](#). You can also contact David Mitchell, david.mitchell@western.edu.

Public Administration Fellow (PAF), is an excellent opportunity for someone who is interested in working for Federal government or in public administration. The PAF will be exposed to a range of Federal initiatives and programs, and plays a critical role in overseeing the OSMRE Semester Intern Program. I also hope that the person in the position will be engaged in researching important topics related to environmental stewardship, resiliency, climate change, and poverty alleviation. The PAF will be an AmeriCorps Member, so s/he will receive all of the benefits of the program including an Education Award, loan forbearance, and health insurance. There is even a precedent, with a CSFU alumna serving as the PAF, and she is now full-time staff with OSMRE! Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to Sara Eckert at seckert@osmre.gov. Eligible candidates will be sent the formal application information. Feel free to contact Sara at 202-208-3779 or by email for more information. Also see the attachment.

Advocacy Director Position: Conservation Colorado is offering a full time position with them based out of Durango. This individual will bring vision, smarts, energy, and passion to our work protecting Colorado's environment. The Advocacy Director will lead in the development and implementation of policy solutions and high-level strategic campaigns on priority conservation issues that will help solve some of the most pressing problems Colorado is facing today. This person will also serve as a key member of the senior leadership team. To apply, Please send a cover letter and resume **by September 16th** to Carrie Curtiss, Deputy Director, at atjobs@conservationco.org. No phone calls please. More information on their [website](#).

Employment Collecting Rangeland Ecology Data Opportunity: Retta Bruegger, Colorado State University's new Range Specialist is wondering if there would be anyone interested in an employment opportunity in collecting rangeland ecology data. You may contact her at Retta.Bruegger@colostate.edu if interested in an application.

Southwest Field Organizer Position: Another position with Conservation Colorado! The Organizing Manager should have experience building effective relationships with Latino communities and experience in community organizing and advocacy programs that recruit, train and mobilize Latinos. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of engaging grassroots volunteers through community outreach and have a genuine interest in developing individuals' and communities' leadership. To apply, please send a cover letter and resume **by September 15th** to Hilda Nucete, Program Director of Protége: Our Air, Our Health, at jobs@conservationco.org with "Resume: Protége Organizing Manager" in the subject line. Position is open until filled and interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis. More info on their [website](#).

New Era Colorado Position: A Colorado-grown, non-partisan, nonprofit that focus on engaging young people in democracy- is currently hiring for a part time and full time organizer on the Western Slope. There is potential to be based in Durango, Grand Junction and even Gunnison for the right candidate. To learn more about the organization and our work go [here](#). If interested please contact Cassidy Tawse-Garcia at cassidy@neweracolorado.org with your resume, preference of job location (in numerical order) and interest in full or part time work. Hiring ASAP for the election season, please apply quickly!

GO Leadville! Coordinator: The GO Leadville! Coordinator position is based in Leadville. It will provide support for a collaborative of leaders, community members, and youth who are interested in better connecting Lake County youth to nature. The Coordinator's key work will be to help coordinate an effort that began in June 2015 and ends at the end of October 2016 to develop a three-year plan valued between \$1 and \$5 million to better connect the most underserved Lake County youth to nature. This plan will be presented to Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) for funding. More information about this position can be found on the attachment.

Job at Western Resources Advocate: Western Resource Advocates (WRA) is seeking an experienced Digital Engagement Manager to be part of our dynamic Communications Team. WRA works to protect the West's land, air, and water, using law, science and economics to craft innovative solutions to the most pressing conservation issues in the region. The Digital Engagement Manager position is based in Boulder, CO. It is a full-time exempt position, with an excellent benefits package and a competitive salary based on relative experience. For the full position description and how to apply [visit here](#).

Colorado Outward Bound School Field Positions: For Assistant Instructor positions, Logistics Coordinators, Marketing Interns, Culinary Interns, and more, go [here](#) for the position listings with Colorado Outward Bound School, for people of all ages and all walks of life, is an educational organization that helps students discover strength of character, the ability to lead and a desire to serve. Most positions have age restrictions and require a Wilderness First Responder and CPR Certifications.

AmeriCorps Positions: AmeriCorps's sister program Environmental Stewards has several GIS positions with Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement field offices. They would like to fill these **by September if possible**, but have had very few applicants. These are year-long AmeriCorps State/National positions, not VISTAs: [Education & Outreach - OSMRE - Ashley, PA](#), [GIS - OSMRE - Ashley, PA](#), [GIS - OSMRE - Knoxville, TN](#), [Records Specialist - OSMRE - Denver, CO](#), [Economic Development - OSMRE - Alton, IL](#).

Paid Marketing Internship with Enviro Biz: Simple Energy is seeking a part time, temporary intern to support the marketing team during the Fall 2016 semester. Simple Energy is a fast-paced, Boulder-based startup. They graduated TechStars in 2011 and have continued growing and improving since. They are changing the world by helping people understand and reduce their energy consumption. They're looking for someone to help them change the world. To Apply: Please email Emily Beliveau (emily@simpleenergy.com) with your resume, cover letter and a writing sample. Make the subject line of your email: Marketing Intern - Your Name. More info on attachment.

Gunnison sage-grouse Grad Student Position: This project will require working collaboratively with federal and state agencies, counties, local working groups and nonprofit organizations already engaged in efforts to restore Gunnison sage-grouse habitat, and extensive travel around southwestern Colorado. The student will gain experience with ecological restoration, Gunnison sage-grouse ecology, working collaboratively with a variety of stakeholders, GIS analysis and mapping, public land management regulations and policy, and the Endangered Species Act. Student will be working with Rocky Mountain Wild Senior Conservation Biologist Megan Mueller. The long-term goal of the Gunnison sage-grouse campaign is to put into effect voluntary and proactive measures that protect the species and lead to its removal from the Endangered Species list. More info about Rocky Mountain Wild can be found [here](#). If you are interested, please contact Megan at megan@rockymountainwild.org. There is no funding for this position, but it would be a great potential opportunity for a student to work with Rocky Mountain Wild.

Sustainability Coordinator at Stanford University: Stanford University's Office of Sustainability seeks a passionate environmentalist to serve as our next Sustainability Coordinator. If you want to be a part of a leading team of change makers, have 3-5 years of experience and a background in higher education sustainability, submit your application today! Go [here](#) for more info.

Some more Job Links:

[Educator Consultant I, King County, Hazardous Waste Management Program, Seattle, Washington](#)

[Columbia River Regional Water Coordinator, Wenatchee, Washington](#)

[Geospatial Analyst, The Nature Conservancy, Arlington, Virginia](#)

[Environmental Analyst, New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, Long Island City, New York](#)

[Communications and Member Services Assistant, Urban Sustainability Directors Network & Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance](#)

[Principal Public Affairs Representative \(Conservation\), Metropolitan Water District of Southern California](#)

[Senior Program Manager, Advancing a Resilient Community Initiative, Maricopa County, Arizona](#)

Conservation Law Fellow, Conservation Law Center, Bloomington, Indiana Application deadline September 11, 2016. [More information](#).

Communications & Events Manager, Verde River Valley Nature Organization, Sedona, Arizona Application deadline September 15, 2016. [More information](#).

Education Lead, LTER Network Communications Office, University of California, Santa Barbara, California Application deadline September 26, 2016. [More information](#).

Presidential Chair, Water Resources and Food Systems Sustainability, University of California-Santa Cruz Application deadline October 7, 2016. [More information.](#)

Regional Coordinator for Gunnison/Salida for NARAL. <http://www.prochoicecolorado.org/about-us/jobs-and-internships.shtml>

Pictured on the right are flowers outside of Kelley and pictured on the bottom is the view of the horizon from Dolores Hall! Photos by Hannah England

