Campus Race to Zero Waste 2022 Final Results

3.6 Million College Students and Staff Participate in National College and University Waste Reduction Competition

2022 Winners

Zero Waste category:
- Small campus—Western Colorado University, Colorado
- Large campus—University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan

Food Organics category:
- Small campus – Wofford College, South Carolina
- Medium campus – Loyola Marymount University, California
- Large campus – Central Michigan University, Michigan

Diversion category:
- Small campus – Macalester College, Minnesota
- Medium campus – Loyola Marymount University, California
- Large campus – University of Louisville, Kentucky

Per Capita category:
- Small campus – Coe College, Iowa
- Medium campus – Loyola Marymount University, California
- Large campus – Stanford University, California

Race to Zero Waste—One Building Challenge:
- Aquinas College, Michigan

Electronics:
- Per Capita - Bryant University, Rhode Island
- Total Amount Recycled - Cornell University, New York

GameDay Basketball:
- Diversion - University of Southern California, California
- Per Capita - University of the Incarnate Word, Texas

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

University of the Incarnate Word, Texas

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- **200 million** single-use plastic containers kept out of the landfill.
- Prevented release of **30,288 metric tons** of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO2E) into the atmosphere, equivalent to preventing annual emissions from **6,376 cars**.
- **27.9 million** pounds of waste donated, composted, and recycled.

Campus Race to Zero Waste—A Campus Solution

Plastic pollution and solid waste disposal are rising as a critical threat to the world’s wildlife and to human health. There are few solutions to this problem as important as engaging and educating America’s future leaders on the dangers of solid waste and plastics build-up, and how the problem can be addressed through reduction of use, recycling, composting, and more.

The Campus Race to Zero Waste competition is designed to educate and challenge students and staff and faculty at college campuses to compete for best in category by reducing and recycling the most waste in a prescribed eight week period. The competition measures such factors as how much of a campus’s waste stream is recycled, how much is diverted, per capita results, food waste abatement and more. It also examines the effect of education on young people avoiding single-use plastics such as disposable bottles and packaging.

In 2020, RecycleMania announced its new name, Campus Race to Zero Waste, to better reflect the purpose of the program—to help campuses find a pathways toward zero waste.

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