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National Recycling Coalition

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The National Recycling Coalition announces the inaugural Campus Council Summit

The National Recycling Coalition (NRC) is pleased to invite colleagues, professionals, and students to the inaugural Campus Council Summit, taking place virtually on October 28th, 2026 from 11am to 5pm EDT.

The [Campus Council Summit](#) is the can't-miss nexus between Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) and the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) industry.

As an extension of the NRC Campus Council vision, the Summit showcases campuses as living laboratories that can pilot sustainability programs, release new technologies, and become a key lever for local systems change by working alongside their State Recycling Organizations (SROs) and SMM experts.

The Campus Council Summit is a space where students, campus leaders, and recycling professionals can connect and share ideas that will lead to lasting change on campus and beyond.

Connecting Curriculum, Campus, and Career

Through networking, presentations on leading campus sustainability initiatives, and practical workshops, the Campus Council Summit provides opportunities to recyclers, students, procurers, and operations managers alike.

- **Students** will be exposed to concrete career options in areas like recycling, repair, and reuse, while networking with industry leaders. They will also be able to connect with each other and discuss ways to take action on campus.
- **Universities and colleges** will have the opportunity to workshop the challenges they face in improving sustainability practices with input from expert facilitators and fellow attendees.
- Those in the **Sustainable Materials Management industry** will have the opportunity to meet a motivated future workforce and connect with potential project partners.

If you work in higher education, mentor emerging sustainability leaders, or are a student ready to make an impact, we hope you'll join us.

An Impactful National Agenda

From coast to coast, the Campus Council Summit brings together practical examples of campus sustainability, student participation, and how to bridge the gap from academics to a meaningful career.

Featuring comprehensive sustainability in areas from food waste to sports to procurement, the Summit agenda brings critical campus operations to the fore, while providing key networking moments to cultivate relationships.

Rounding out Zero Waste Month

Coinciding with the [Zero Waste Month](#) campaign, the Campus Council Summit highlights the connections between campus operations and foundational zero waste principles like reuse, reduction, and circular thinking.

Accessible and Affordable

The Campus Council Summit is purposefully offered at a price point that is a more affordable alternative to other HEI sustainability conferences. Student pricing further allows emerging professionals to participate.

- General ticket: \$45
- Student ticket: \$25

Group registration and student packages are available upon request.

Register at: <https://www.nrcrecycles.org/campus-council-summit.html>

Sponsor the Campus Council Summit

NRC is committed to delivering the Campus Council Summit as a high-value, low-cost event. Sponsorship helps support the development of the program and accessible attendance for all.

Furthermore, NRC invites sponsorship of student tickets, offering a package of 5 for \$100 that can be sent to colleges and universities.

About The NRC Campus Council

The NRC Campus Council facilitates relationships between HEIs and the SMM industry, fostering connections for both improved campus sustainability and the development of a highly-qualified workforce ready to deploy modern circular economy solutions. Monthly meetings serve as a space to collaborate on best practices and learn from each other.

About The National Recycling Coalition

The National Recycling Coalition is a national nonprofit that advances recycling and the circular economy through policy, education, and collaboration among recycling organizations, communities, and industry. Learn more at <https://www.nrcrecycles.org>.