New CHaSS-Americorps Sustainability Intern for 2020-2021

The USU College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHaSS) is hosting its first Sustainability Intern for the 2020-2021 academic year. Supported by the CHaSS Dean’s Office and the Utah Conservation Corps/Americorps, the position focuses on “greening CHaSS” and promoting dialogue about sustainability within the college and between USU colleges. Madeleine Alder, a junior studying International Studies and Russian, is the Sustainability Intern for the current year. One of Madeleine’s goals for this year is to encourage discussion in CHaSS about environmentally conscious living. This includes the launching of a new Instagram page that will feature sustainability related stories and research from students, faculty, and alumni. Follow the page @sustainablechass to find out more about what CHaSS is doing to go green, and to enter into the reusable Halloween costume contest.

The Sustainability Intern will also identify and implement strategies that promote awareness of energy consumption, initiate conversations about conservation, and facilitate an overall energy reduction in CHaSS. Madeleine is excited to work with the Facilities team to improve the energy efficiency of the Old Main building by installing light sensors and increasing education about energy usage. Additionally, Madeleine is looking forward to bringing a United Nations pilot program called “Green Nudges” to the USU campus. This program suggests ways to incorporate eco-friendly behavior into campus life by prompting small changes in behavior.

If you know of any sustainability related research, teaching, or events that you would like to share with the CHaSS and USU Sustainability community, please contact Madeleine via Instagram (@sustainablechass) or via email madeleine.alder@aggiemail.usu.edu.

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