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Everybody's business: Earth in a yogurt cup



Gustavson students specialize in blowing through expectations. Sometimes they aren't even officially at the school when they start.

Evynd Haberstock and Brittany Langner are third-year students at Gustavson now, while Lauren McCallum and Keara Doyle are in their second year at UVic – they'll start their business studies in earnest in September. And none of them is waiting to get educated in the classroom. Instead, they're members of Enactus, an international organization that connects student, academic and business leaders through entrepreneurial projects.

"We knew we wanted to do something environmental with kids," said Langner.

So the group designed a project that they call Watch Me Grow to teach elementary-school students how to grow food.

"It's cool to see them so excited about it," enthused Langner.

Find out what else they've been doing to leverage the impacts of that bit of dirt, some seeds and reusable yogurt tubs – the story's on [Gustavson's blog](#) now.

Earth Day 2015 was April 22

Just because the official Earth Day was yesterday doesn't mean we've missed the boat.

Earth Day Canada has created a web platform with a selection of simple ways you can choose to reduce your footprint, track your greenhouse gas reductions, share your successes and even win prizes.

[Here](#) on Earthday2015.ca are 25 ways to green your commute. [Here](#) are some tools for teachers and students – you can adapt them for your family, if you like. [My Recyclopedia](#) has buckets of info on what's recyclable, what's not, and why.

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Honest answers about recycling

Recycling Plastic the Right Way by Michael SanClements is a [pretty excellent article](#) about recycling plastic, written by a guy who tried (unsuccessfully) to purge plastic from his life. He explains the reasoning behind "when in doubt, leave it out" so you don't contaminate a whole batch of recycling with one inappropriate item, and a whole lot more. It's easy reading.

Never mind kilojoules and CO2 equivalents

To find out what impact your recycling efforts really have, check out these delightful (and useful) tools from the US Environmental Protection Agency. [iWARM Excel tool](#) and the [iWARM widget](#) show you the actual benefit of recycling plastic bottles, beer cans, etc in terms like how long the resulting energy will power your laptop or hairdryer.

Great pictures, sad story

The photo essay [Pushing Earth beyond its natural limits](#) in *The Guardian* shows more than words can say – and more than most of us want to hear.

Okay, now for some cheerful news!

Instead of thinking about what to wear and with what and how to accessorize...we can all save time, money, and creative energy by encapsulating a shockingly small (and effective) wardrobe. This article in [UK Business Insider](#) explains how it's done.

A good step to help tidy your life is to use our wonderful public library system. Here's the [link to library copies](#) of [The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up](#) by Marie Kondo.