

# green events summary

In 2012, the number of attendees in **85** green certified events reached a total of **26,500**. **75%** of the events provided composting accessibility, the most common sustainable practice, while **55%** of the events offered sustainable food.

UC Berkeley takes pride in the increasing amount of student and faculty green awareness and the actual implementation of creating a more sustainable campus. Below are some of the many green events worth recognizing:

## *1. Berkeley Student Food Collective Gala Event*

The nonprofit UCB student-run organization celebrated its one year of education and sustainable business, providing the community with ecologically sound, local, fair, and humane food. The Gala Event was recognized as a Super Green Event for the student's food sustainable practices. The five course meal dinner was all made by sustainable ingredients, following the Real Food Challenge guidelines of organic, local, and fair trade. Local produce from Berkeley's Student Organic Garden were used as centerpieces.



*Date of event: November 19, 2011*

## *3. CNR Commencement Reception*

The 2011 CNR Commencement Reception received a green event certification. About 3500 people were present, celebrating the graduation of College of Natural Resources' students who gathered around Memorial Glade. Composting was readily available while student

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volunteers assisted with “trash talking,” providing people information on how to dispose the proper trash into the right recycling and trash bins. In addition, no water bottles were used. Instead, tap water was provided by using large containers.

*Date of event: May 15, 2011*

#### **4. UC Berkeley (BERC) Energy Symposium**

The Berkeley Energy & Resources Collaborative (BERC) is a multidisciplinary network of UC Berkeley students, alumni, faculty, industry professionals, and advisors who seek to turn world-leading research into world-changing solutions by tackling tough and



timely energy and environmental challenges. In 2010, BERC’s Energy Symposium was recognized as a Large Event with a total of 11 points (*Prior to November 10, 2010, Green Event certifications were designated as small, medium, or large green events.*) The event

had over 700 attendees at the Martin Luther King Student Union, a venue easily accessible by public transportation. The event was equipped with water coolers containing tap water to avoid the use of plastic water bottles and used 100% compostable utensils. Although individual packaged soft drinks were offered, recycling and composting were on site. The event tried to limit its handouts by using electronic invitations, and printed on 50% recycled paper. After the event, all the leftover food was donated to the Berkeley Food and Housing Project.

*Date of event: March 4, 2010*

#### **4. Operational Excellence Open House**

Operational Excellence is a multi-year, multi-project effort to make the



operations of UC Berkeley more efficient so that the University may direct more resources away from administrative expenses and toward teaching and research. The 2011 open house event was awarded a green(er) certification for having compostable plates, cups, and forks readily available as well as two compostable bins on the site where the event was held. The event was located in the Recreational Student Facility with over 400 attendees.

*Date of event: January 12, 2011*