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# UCF Receives Highest Ranking Ever in EPA Game Day Challenge

**Orlando, Fla. (December 4, 2013)** – The University of Central Florida has received its highest ranking ever in this year’s U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 2013 Game Day Challenge. UCF placed third in the category of Recycling and fourth in the category of Green House Gas Reduction.

The EPA Game Day Challenge is a competition between participating colleges and universities that encourage the implementation of waste reduction programs. There are a total of five categories in the competition; Waste Minimization, Diversion Rate, Greenhouse Gas Reduction, Recycling, and Organics Reduction. The EPA Committee selects the top five winners in each category as well as an overall winner. This going green clash is run by a partnership between the College and University Recycling Coalition (CURC), Keeping America Beautiful (KAB), RecycleMania and is supported by the EPA’s WasteWise Program.

The Student Government Association’s participation in the event was spearheaded by the Environment and Sustainability Specialist, Julia Felter. Felter partnered with Alexandra Kennedy from UCF Recycles to make this a big success. The catalyst for such a goal was the creation of a recycling station that included a SGA labeled tent and recycling trailer provided by UCF Recycles.

“The goal is to create a culture or habit of recycling where our students and tailgaters look for the blue recycle bags and recycle on their own,” Felter said. “I am so proud of the effort we put forth and am excited to keep this tradition going next year as well.”

The UCF Student Government Association is a representative body modeled after the United States government. Through the three branches – executive, legislative and judicial – the UCF Student Government Association represents student issues and concerns at all levels of university decision-making. In addition, the UCF Student Government Association is constantly creating new services and initiatives aiming to make campus life better for all UCF Knights. For more information, contact the Public Relations coordinator at [sga\\_pr@ucf.edu](mailto:sga_pr@ucf.edu) or at (407) 823-6357.

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