

# **President's Environmental Sustainability Committee (PESC)**

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On behalf of the President's Environmental Sustainability Committee

PESC and Liesel Schwarz helped plan and promote a panel and a simulation associated with the COP21 Climate Change talks in Paris.

Villanova Recycling has been working hard to improve the availability of recycling. Improvements include removing all trash cans from classrooms and adding additional waste centers to the hallways and public areas. In addition, new signage is being added to the waste centers. Changes were first implemented in CEER and White Hall during the fall semester, and results so far are better than expected, with a higher recycling rate and a lower contamination rate. Changes were begun in Tolentine and John Barry over the Holiday break, and hopefully will be implemented in Mendel Hall and St. Augustine during Spring break. The participation of faculty (helping remind students in their classes) has been key to the success of these initiatives.

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