



...To thee our songs we raise, Thee would we ever praise,  
Our alma mater, Beloved Wells!

Hey, Orson, is that you singing?

Yep, I'm getting all warmed up for Commencement when we say a fond "farewell" to another great crop of Wells-ians.

We hope our Class of 2017 will take everything they learned here about being more sustainable out into the world.

## Trash 2 TREASURE

From May 1 – 20, Wells is holding our move-out collection. Items put

in blue bins in res. hall lounges will be brought to the Center for Sustainability for sorting and review. We save office supplies to restock the **RUMPUS Room** and some items will reload the **Bargain Basement** where our community can freely access them. Other items go to area reuse outlets. Donate these items:

- Gently-used and clean (please!) clothing
- Unopened, non-perishable food
- Lightly used school and office supplies
- Still-working electronics and appliances
- Videos, DVDs, CDs
- Furniture (your own, not the College's! ☺)
- Housewares (kitchen items, towels, linens, etc.)
- Furnishings (posters, lamps, rugs, furniture, etc.)
- Arts & craft supplies
- Costumes (gently used and clean, please!)
- Textbooks – trade books – paperbacks
- Personal care products and cleaning supplies

### Installments

are produced as a community service by the Wells Center for Sustainability and the Environment.

Arrive curious ∴ Graduate prepared.



**Faculty and staff:** The end of the semester is a good time for you to "clear the decks" too. If you have any items from the list at left, bring them to the Sustainability Center.

Many thanks go out to our campus community: we did **GREAT** in this spring's RecycleMania competition! Here is how we fared this year:



**Diversion** - With a 54.057% recycling rate, Wells ranked #36 out of 190 participating schools, and #1 in New York State! This marks a 70% increase over our 31.8% recycling rate in 2016. Way to go!

**Per Capita** - At 12.67 pounds of recyclables per person, Wells ranked #86 out of 244 participating schools, and #9 in New York State.

**Waste Minimization** - Wells ranked #100 out of 135 schools, posting a total of 57.797 pounds of total waste (trash and recycling) per person; we finished #7 among New York State schools. This is a number we need to work to bring down!

**Food Service Organics** – we competed in this category for the first time since starting our dining hall composting program last fall. Our diversion of 18.571 pounds of food waste per person to compost collection earned us 10<sup>th</sup> place out of 134 competing schools, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the state.

**Electronics recycling** – we also participated in this contest for the first time. Out of 39 schools competing, Wells came in #9 with 968 pounds and ranked #2 among New York State schools.

Hey, all, thanks for pitching in – into the right bins!

**"Installment"** is a double play on words: these mini-newsletters are placed inside bathroom cubicles ("in stalls") and the content changes periodically - in "installments."

**Get it? Got it? Good!**



### Did we getcha?

Did we spot you using your reusable mug and reward you with a GOTCHA card that is redeemable for a free coffee or hot tea refill at the Grind Café? Note that this free refill will only be dispensed into your own reusable beverage container. Redeem your second block GOTCHA card **by May 20.**

### A cool(ing) idea

Will you be returning to Wells this fall? We have partnered with CSI to offer student rentals of *MicroFridges*. These all-in-one units include a roomy 3-cubic-foot refrigerator, a zero-degree freezer (which you won't get in regular "cubie" fridges – you can store ice cream in a *MicroFridge*), and a 700-watt microwave oven. *MicroFridge* units are *EnergyStar* rated, using less energy than comparably-sized refrigerators, and they save even *more* energy because their integrated circuitry turns off the fridge and freezer compressor whenever the microwave is in use. CSI will even deliver your *Microfridge* direct to your residence hall room before you arrive on campus in the fall. Learn more at:



<https://www.mymicrofridge.com/products/>

Questions about more sustainable practices?

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