Service Learning for Sustainability on UC Campuses

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- 8 teams, 45 students, 20 weeks, 7,500 hours of collective research resulted in:
  - 2365 students surveyed
  - 238 students monitored behaviorally for 5 days
  - $2,700 saved switching to recycled napkins
  - 250 lbs of waste diverted to compost in 14 days
  - $32,000 dollars awarded for summer sustainability assessment research

And that’s just the beginning.....
Mission

Building Sustainability at Cal works to reduce the environmental impact of campus buildings by educating students in green building topics, project implementation, and professionalism with an ultimate goal of creating a culture of sustainability on campus.
History

- Began Fall 2007 with two interns
- 2008 – 80 students in 20 buildings
- 2009 – 70 students in 10 buildings
- 2010 – LEED EBOM focus
Current Program Structure

- Seven coordinators
- Two service learning classes
- Six year-long building interns
- Three Undergraduate Apprenticeship students
- Building specific and campus wide projects
  - 20 buildings
Program Structure

- Lead Program Coordinator (employee)
  - Class Coordinator (employee)
  - Intern Coordinator (employee)
  - GO! Team Coordinator (employee)
  - 2 Class Facilitators (employees)
  - 5 Interns (employees)
  - 10 GO! Team Members (employees)
  - 30 Students (academic credit)