COMMITHONG to a single, simple act is so powerful. It can build awareness, create momentum, be the impetus for change and the component that sustains.

During the holiday season, it’s easy to get caught up in the whirlwind of food, travel, celebrations and gifts. The ability of a simple act to achieve the goals at hand certainly can seem woefully inadequate.

The December issue of Live Green! Monthly reflects on a semester filled with a multitude of single, simple acts and the impressive impacts and change that have resulted.

In a dress made from an old pillowcase; a field of row crops interspersed with prairie plantings; empty chairs lining campus sidewalks; and a message of positivity written on a restroom mirror -- awareness has been built, momentum created, change put into motion, and sustainability envisioned.

This month’s issue also highlights a number of simple acts for us all to consider taking this holiday season and in the new year: a simple act of gifting talents and not things, giving forward, needing less and lifting more.

Through simple acts, we rise exponentially. Have a wonderful and renewing break!

Yours in greenness,

Merry Rankin
Director of Sustainability
WITH 2014 wrapping up and a new year about to begin, we wanted to take a look back at the many green celebrations that took place on Iowa State’s campus this semester. Here are some of the highlights that encompass all facets of sustainability -- financial, environmental and social -- that collectively support Iowa State University’s journey toward a sustainable future.

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<td>Two ISU leaders in agriculture received recognition for their efforts related to sustainability. John Pesek (pictured left), ISU Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Agronomy, was awarded the American Society of Agronomy’s first Presidential Award, and Fred Kirschenmann (pictured right), Distinguished Fellow at the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at Iowa State, was awarded the One World Award for Lifetime Achievement.</td>
<td>Hosted by The Green Umbrella and Live Green!, this year’s National Campus Sustainability Day invited more than 30 local businesses and student organizations to Iowa State’s campus to showcase campus and community projects and initiatives, as well as opportunities to get involved.</td>
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<td>ISU students from multiple disciplines, including industrial and software engineering, design and community and regional planning majors, continued their work on a future bikeshare program at Iowa State. As well as being a student-run initiative, students are excited to offer a sustainable way to navigate campus.</td>
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"LEED"ING IN EFFICIENCY

With a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification achieved by Troxel Hall, Iowa State now has eight LEED-certified buildings. Two buildings are ranked Silver, four are Gold and two are Platinum (the highest certification). Unique features of Troxel Hall include stormwater retention plantings and a green roof.

CYSERVING THE AMES & ISU COMMUNITIES

CyServe Council and the ISU Greek community paired during CyServe Week in October to volunteer in the Ames and ISU communities. More than 300 volunteers raked leaves around Ames (pictured left), made Relay for Life ribbons (pictured right), held a food drive and helped with multiple community projects and initiatives.

PLEDGING “IT’S ON US” TO END SEXUAL ASSAULT

In November, ISU’s Government of the Student Body brought a national campaign to end sexual assault, “It’s On Us,” to campus. The campaign’s goal is to not only stop sexual assault, but to make the topic of sexual assault one without its stigma, toward sustaining a supportive and caring campus community. Join the campaign and take the pledge to end sexual assault.

INSPIRING HOPE FOR GIRLS

In November, The Workspace hosted the Little Dresses for Africa workshop in Iowa State’s Memorial Union. At the event, residents from the Ames and ISU communities came together to support social sustainability and help communities by sewing dresses from old pillowcases. These dresses were provided to girls in Africa and to other countries of need.

BATTILING THE CLIMATE’S EFFECT ON CROPS

The STRIPS (Science-based Trials of Row crops Integrated with Prairie Strips) project at Iowa State is combating the changing climate’s effect on crops with the leadership of two ISU professors, Matt Helmers, of agricultural and biosystems engineering, and Lisa Schulte-Moore, of natural resource ecology and management. The project takes small patches of prairie and integrates them into row crop fields to help create more resistant and productive agriculture.
BUILDING AWARENESS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
“An empty chair at the table” was the focus of a demonstration of 200 chairs lined along campus sidewalks during the annual National Domestic Violence Week. Each empty chair represented a death caused by domestic violence.

DIVING INTO THE DIVERSITY OF IOWA STATE
The international community came together to raise awareness of the many cultures of the university community through dance, food and music during International Week. Activities included Diwali Night, celebrating light over darkness, Teach Me How to Desi Night to fund women’s health care in India and the International Bazaar to share cultural customs and artwork.

CROSSING BORDERS TO RAISE AWARENESS
At a poverty awareness event hosted by the student club Engineers Without Borders, ISU students walked in the shoes of those less fortunate and learned about water scarcity. Students also participated in a unique opportunity to offer assistance to impoverished communities in Uganda through a student-led garden program. In this program, students battled malnutrition by teaching children how to raise crops and grow a healthier school lunch.

SPREADING SMILES, BRIGHTENING DAYS
Encouraging positivity and building the self esteem were the goals of a student club, Smile Ninja (Sninja), and a national campus campaign, Operation Beautiful. Throughout the semester, Sninja brightened days by performing small acts of kindness, and Operation Beautiful encouraged positive body image through kind messages written on restroom mirrors.

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY’S HISTORY
The City of Ames Dinkey Day celebration brought together hundreds of ISU students and Ames residents to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the city’s founding and the rich and diverse community we have become. The event was named after the Dinkey train that shuttled students from Ames to campus from 1891 to 1907.
**STAYING “UP ’TIL DAWN” TO FIGHT CANCER**

ISU students gathered together in State Gym to stay “up ’til dawn” and raise money for St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital. Throughout the 6.5-hour event, students danced, made crafts, watched club demonstrations and heard stories from cancer survivors.

$58,200 raised in 6.5 hours

**TAKING SOIL FROM FIELD TO SILVER SCREEN**

Filmmaker Deborah Koons Garcia and professor Kate Scow made an effort to educate and excite people about soil science by creating, “Symphony of the Soil,” a film to promote sustainability and the relationship people have with the soil. They also awarded the video, “Litter,” created by ISU Film Producers student organization as the winner of the Pesek-Pierre student sustainability film contest.

**PREVENTING PUDDLES WITH PERMEABLE PAVERS**

To reduce the runoff of excess rainwater, Sukup, Elings and the Biorenewables Building incorporated permeable pavers into their outdoor walkway areas. The pavers, made of recycled tires and plastic containers, help rainwater soak into the ground rather than run into the storm sewers, and can be recycled into new pavers when they need replaced.

**EMPOWERING FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY**

ISU’s Financial Counseling Clinic integrated its counseling services into the classroom to increase student awareness and skills in financial literacy. The clinic currently offers two classes, HD FS 183: Personal Finance in Early Adulthood, and HD FS 283: Personal and Family Finance to ISU students.

**GAINING DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES AT ISU**

To build a foundation of understanding among all students, faculty and staff members and to shed light on the obstacles people with disabilities face each day within the ISU community a new student club, the Alliance for Disability Awareness, formed. Students also gained new perspectives of living with a disability during the Step Into My World event as a part of Disability Awareness Week.
The holiday season is often pictured as a time to gather with friends and family around a table filled with traditional family dishes and treats.

Unfortunately, this is not the reality for many Iowans. However, one ISU student organization is committed to doing what they can to make a sustainable difference for those Iowans in need.

The Sustainable Agriculture Student Association (SASA) strives to create food security awareness amongst Iowans, and is committed to a mission based on the foundation of acting locally and thinking globally.

“Our main goals are social justice and sustainability,” said Jackie Nester, SASA president and graduate student in community and regional planning. “We like to encourage and plan events that challenge the current status quo of agriculture and energy extraction and consumption. Our members are committed to the values SASA represents, and they go the extra step in pushing toward [increased] awareness and social change.”

“We want to combat the ‘Iowa is feeding the world’ notion with the reality. At the end of the day, we believe all people have a right to healthy food.”

One way the group promotes this awareness is through partnering with Food at First, a free meal program and perishable food pantry for those who are in need in the Ames area. Food at First serves seven meals each week and is open to anyone, no questions asked.

“What SASA would love to see is if everyone started a garden in Ames and donated [to Food at First],” Nester noted. “Though this would not immediately address the wider picture of a broken food system, we would be building our community, and soon everyone would begin to demand for a more just system for all.”

SASA began its partnership with Food at First in 2012. Since then, the group has taken the leadership of preparing and serving meals on the first Friday of each month, making a sustainable difference in the lives of those they serve within the community (pictured above).

SASA will also help Food at First distribute their community-wide meal on Dec. 25 at First United Methodist Church on Kellogg Avenue.

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“Our experience with Food at First has been humbling because making fresh, healthy food accessible for all in our current food system is not easy,” Nester said.

However, SASA recently received a $3,400 grant to help in their endeavors related to sustainability. Nester said the grant will go toward a new irrigation system, rain barrels and a solar power pump for pumping the rain barrel water for the Food at First garden.

“I am so thankful for the sustainable agriculture community and for the opportunity to have such a strong relationship with Food at First,” Nester said. “I can easily say that my time with Food at First has given me a well-rounded understanding of the work and commitment needed to make healthy food accessible to everyone.”

With a new year quickly approaching, SASA is also setting its resolutions and goals for 2015. Creating awareness of the lack of food security in Iowa is SASA’s main goal. The impact they strive to achieve extends beyond university efforts and the campus community, hitting home in the hearts and minds of everyone aware of SASA.

“An ISU faculty member came up to me in front of her family and said, ‘I think we need to be more like the folks in SASA. Our family should start volunteering at Food at First.’ For me, this was something really spectacular, the fact that our impact is so much more than our individual actions, like leading a garden tour and preparing meals each month -- rather, our ideas and actions are contagious,” she said.

In addition to serving community members in need with Food at First, SASA offers education and awareness opportunities through various outreach and engagement events. These opportunities include public events (pictured below left) and film screenings focused on food systems; local food eat-in events where ISU students can experience a variety of locally-grown foods; urban garden tours to increase awareness of and engagement in growing food in urban areas (pictured above); as well as volunteerism with planting, maintaining and harvesting a community garden (pictured below center) that provides hundreds of pounds of fresh produce to the community with the efforts of Food at First.

SASA’s commitment to a sustainable food future and contributions to Iowa State’s Live Green! initiative, was recognized with the receipt of a 2013 Live Green! Award (pictured below right).

“We are active because we are optimistic of social change and believe that all people have a right to healthy, affordable and culturally-acceptable food,” Nester said. “We want to combat the ‘Iowa is feeding the world’ notion with the reality. At the end of the day, we believe all people have a right to healthy food.”
PLANNING your New Year’s resolutions? Why not add some green to your goals? Begin the new year with a sustainable approach by being good to yourself, the environment and your community. Check out these simple and sustainably-minded goals, and try adding a few of them to your personal list of resolutions.

- **REUSE YOUR REUSABLES**
  Lower your carbon footprint and keep non-biodegradable materials out of the waste stream by using and reusing reusables, like shopping bags. If you’re going out, opt for reusable containers and mugs. Purchasing a reusable water bottle instead of a disposable bottle can help reduce the number of disposable water bottles that Americans throw away each year.

- **BE MINDFUL OF YOUR DISPOSABLES**
  Paper and paperboard products, like paper towels, plates and napkins, represent the largest portion of our solid waste stream at about 69 million tons (or 27 percent) of all materials in the stream. Instead of heading for the trash can, reuse. Replace disposables with reusables, like washable, cloth rags instead of paper towels. Choose cloth instead of paper napkins (it takes 31.5 million gallons of water to make the napkins used in a day).

- **EMBRACE A GREEN CLEAN**
  Greener cleaning is as easy as opening your cupboard. Many of the ingredients for non-toxic, homemade cleaners are products like olive oil and white vinegar. Check out these recipes to green clean the entire home, including homemade laundry detergent. If you aren’t ready to make your own yet, look into some eco-friendly brands.

- **STAY LOCAL**
  Keeping your purchases local helps support and sustain a vibrant, local economy. Challenge yourself to the 10 percent challenge and spend 10 percent of your existing food dollars at local businesses. Also, the 100-mile diet challenge reduces your “foodprint” by targeting local, seasonal food purchases from farmers’ markets and Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs).

- **SHARE YOUR TIME AND TALENTS**
  Strengthen and support your community by volunteering your time and talents. The Volunteer Center of Story County offers many volunteer opportunities throughout the Ames community and updates activities frequently. You can also contact your favorite charity to find community events or projects in need of assistance.

- **LIGHTEN YOUR LOAD**
  Save money and resources by reducing your energy demand load. Switch incandescent bulbs to a CFL bulb and use up to 75 percent less energy, or change to LED bulbs, and reduce energy costs to as low as 96 cents a year. Unplug appliances when you’re not using them and save 5-10 percent of your monthly electricity usage. Find out just how much energy your home is using and take an online energy audit or call a professional to audit your home.
YOU don’t have to look much past your closet or kitchen to make your very own personalized gifts this holiday season! Make new memories from your old goods — the gift of upcycling. Reuse, recycle, renew with these fun, unique and useful gift ideas!

Another way to give a GIY gift is to give the gift of your talents! Good with technology? Help your neighbors fix their computer! Amazing baker? A simple gift of sharing your time and talent is priceless and needs no wrapping.

Decoration Ideas:

**Decorate a Mug with Paint Markers**

Decorate a mug with paint markers for a fun, personalized gift! After you’ve designed your masterpiece, bake the mug in the oven and set to 450 degrees for 45 minutes, and then let sit for 24 hours. Hand wash only!

**Recycle Old Holiday Sweaters**

Recycle old holiday sweaters by cutting off the arms and making your own unique boot cuffs!

**Festive Centerpiece**

Don’t throw away old holiday decorations! Combine them in an empty container to create your own new festive centerpiece!

**Recycled Bottle Tray**

Reuse old glass bottles for an alternative and useful gift! You will need: a clean glass bottle, toaster oven and a baking tray. Start by setting the toaster oven to 200 degrees and let the bottle sit for two hours. After this time, turn the heat up all the way and let sit for 10 hours. The bottle will melt into itself!

**Bird Seed Wreath**

Craft a treat for the birds! You will need: 1 pkg Knox gelatin, 1/2c. warm water, 3T light corn syrup, 3/4c. flour, 4c. bird seed, and a bundt cake pan. Oil the pan with spray. Stir gelatin, warm water, corn syrup and flour into a paste and add seeds. Press into pan and let sit for 48 hours.

**Coffee Scrub**

Create your own natural beauty products right from your own coffee pot! You will need: 1T sugar, 3T finely ground coffee and 2T olive oil. Mix together and store in a reusable container!

**Marker Mug**

Find more upcycled gift ideas!
WHILE out shopping for your holiday gifts, try a new type of present that gives back! There are many gifts that give to organizations supporting a diversity of needs and causes. Check out some unique give back gifts below or visit charitynavigator.org. Give back gifts can also be given by supporting a favorite local, non-profit organization with a donation in someone’s name or through a gift certificate to a favorite family activity such as the zoo, botanical gardens, science center, art center or a recreational event.

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<td>Choose from a variety of gifts to donate in your name or a friend’s, such as food supplies, water supplies and education to help children worldwide in need.</td>
<td>Buy specially-selected skin, body or cosmetic gifts and give the gift of educational lessons to youth in war-torn areas.</td>
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<td>For every outdoor apparel product sold, funding is provided to remove one pound of trash from our world’s oceans and waterways.</td>
<td>With any purchase of glasses, shoes or coffee, the company will donate to a community in need from around the globe with its “One for One” program.</td>
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<td>Shop online and choose an organization (including the ISU student organization Hopeful Africa) to donate a percentage of the proceeds of your purchases at no cost to you!</td>
<td>Buy Apple (Product) Red merchandise and Apple will give a portion of its proceeds to support Global Funds to fight AIDS in Africa.</td>
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For every designer bottle set sold, 100 percent of proceeds will benefit Free Arts NYC, a charity to improve youth access to arts education.
**Intern at the Gardens**

Sticking around Ames this summer? Check out the chance to intern with Reiman Gardens in one of their nine open positions, including: education, events, garden and landscape maintenance, entomology, graphic design and communications, turfgrass and irrigation maintenance, retail management, plant collections and records and greenhouse display and production. Online applications are being accepted until Feb. 13, and will give students hands-on experience in the Gardens.

**Make Your Voice Heard**

To learn about the conservation habits and attitudes of ISU students and to determine how environmentally conscious students are, the ISU Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering is inviting students to participate in a sustainability study. Results will help guide sustainability planning and projects at Iowa State.

**Become a Destination Iowa State Leader**

Do you want to show your Cyclone pride, develop leadership skills, be part of a team, meet new ISU students and earn up $250? If so, apply to be a student team leader for Destination Iowa State, Aug. 20-22, 2015. Each team leader mentors a group of 12-15 students, helping them explore firsthand what they can experience during their adventure at Iowa State. Online applications are due Friday, Feb. 6, and more information can be accessed on the ISU Admissions website.

**Study with Harvard University Scientists**

The 2015 Harvard Forest Summer Research Program in Ecology is an opportunity for students to participate in 11 weeks of mentored, paid, independent research with scientists from Harvard University, the Ecosystems Center of the Marine Biological Lab, University of New Hampshire and other institutions. Apply online under the Education and Opportunities tab on Harvard Forest’s website by Feb. 6.

**Find Your Dream Internship**

With the Pathways Internship Program provided by USA Jobs, current students and recent graduates can find federal careers and internships in all 50 U.S. states. Through their website, a list of internships and deadlines can be accessed. New job opportunities are posted on an ongoing basis, and it’s encouraged to check back often to find that one, dream job.

**Study Sustainable Ag in North Carolina**

Between June 9 and July 31, internships are available at the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) research farm in North Carolina. Interns will work on a 30-acre organic research, education and demonstration farm, engage with research faculty members in a hands-on research experience, hear lectures on sustainable agriculture from industry professionals and address the social aspects of sustainable ag in the community.

**Promote Food Sovereignty**

Interested in educating food system control or developing sustainable local farms and farming practices? The Meskwaki Food Sovereignty Initiative is currently accepting applications until Feb. 25, for three AmeriCorps VISTA members to fill positions of Food Systems Communications Coordinator, Food and Culture Education Coordinator and School Engagement Coordinator. To apply and learn more about each position, visit AmeriCorps’ website.
Make a Positive Impact

The 2015 National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE) in Washington, D.C., offers ISU students the chance to develop leadership skills, make a positive impact on the ISU community, network with students and professionals from around the nation and build positive mentoring and peer relationships at the May conference. Completed applications should be submitted by Feb. 6, in the Multicultural Student Affairs Office in 2080 Student Services Building.

Promote Social Justice

The Reproductive Rights Activist Service Corps (RRASC) is a 10-week, paid internship program sponsored by the Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program. Interns will work with reproductive rights and social justice organizations around the country, working on issues ranging from reproductive health, economic justice, public policy, LGBTQ rights and more. Complete the online application by Jan. 15.

Get Empowered

Participate in the Iowa N.E.W. Leadership Institute, a program designed to empower women across the political spectrum and increase the participation of underrepresented groups in the public sector, this upcoming May. Students will develop self-awareness and knowledge and skills in key areas, like policy analysis, negotiation, philanthropy, professional sustainability, strategic communication and community development. Online applications for the five-day institute are due Feb. 20.

Support Others by Being a Tutor

Becoming a spring semester tutor in the Academic Success Center allows a unique opportunity to build communication skills, help fellow students and keep skills and knowledge honed and updated. Undergraduate tutors can earn $9.50 an hour for up to 20 hours each week. Workshops are offered throughout the semester to learn ways to assist tutors in developing and refining teaching skills.

Discover Exciting Research Opportunities

Pathways to Science, an online project of the Institute for Broadening Participation, supports student connections to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields by offering hands-on, professional experiences, including undergraduate summer research opportunities, graduate fellowships and postdoctoral positions. Pathways to Science places a particular emphasis on connecting underrepresented groups with STEM programs, as well as funding, mentoring and resources.

Preserve Iowa’s Natural Resources

The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation is offering 8-10 paid summer internships for college students looking to help restore and protect Iowa’s natural resources. Ideal candidates are pursuing study within environmental fields, and will have the opportunity to work alongside experts, gain hands-on experience in natural land management, learn about Iowa’s natural flora and fauna, work in a team environment and enjoy the outdoors. Online applications should be completed by Jan. 25.
Click on an event for more information!

DECEMBER
SASA’s Christmas Day Meal
11am-1pm
First United Methodist Church in Ames
25

Conversations and Coffee
English as a Second Language
12:30pm
Forest Avenue Library in Des Moines
30

Tree of Life Display thru Dec. 31st
Animal Rescue League in all Des Moines locations
All Day
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Free Meditation Classes thru Dec. 27th
3pm
Various locations in Des Moines
31

Jolly Holiday Lights for Make A Wish Foundation thru Jan. 1st
5:30-10pm daily
Waterworks Park in Des Moines
01

Agricultural Urbanism Toolkit Workshop
9am-4pm
Design on Main, 203 Main St. in Ames
09

Snow Day! with Naturalist Rebekah Beall
2:30-4pm
McFarland Park in Ames
14

Reproductive Rights Activist Service Corps Internship Applications Due 11:59pm
Online
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University Museums’ 40th Anniversary Kick-Off
12-6:30pm
Farm House Museum
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FIRST LEGO League Championship Event
All day
Various locations on ISU campus
17

Snow Day! with Naturalist Rebekah Beall
2:30-4pm
McFarland Park in Ames
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Ciccotti Art Glass Workshop
10am-5pm
Ciccotti Art Glass in Ames
2306 258th St.
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Ames Community Celebration in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
6pm
Ames Middle School
19

Ames Poverty Simulation
1-4pm
Various Locations TBD
19

Sustainable Cooking Demonstration
6-8pm
Cooks’ Emporium, 313 Main St. in Ames
21

Zoologies: On Animals and the Human Spirit Lecture
7pm
Campanile Room, MU
22

Practical Farmers of Iowa Annual Conference thru Jan. 24th
1-3pm
Reiman Gardens
23

History of Perfume Program with Natural Perfumer Amanda Feeley
1-5pm
FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, IA
24

Iowa Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association Annual Conference 1-5pm
FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, IA
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For more sustainable events, or to put your event on the calendar go to the:

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The 2015 Symposium on Sustainability celebrates the seventh year of Iowa State University’s Live Green! initiative and the call to action given to all students, faculty and staff to be fully committed to and engaged in ensuring a sustainable future through our actions and decisions regarding our campus, its operations and initiatives.

The Symposium will kick off on Feb. 23, in the Memorial Union Great Hall, with keynote speaker John Warner, co-founder of the Warner Babcock Institute for Green Chemistry. The keynote is preceded by a poster session and public reception in the South Ballroom of the Memorial Union. Attendees can learn more about sustainability at ISU and in Ames, including initiatives and campus and community projects and events.

The following day, the poster session reconvenes in conjunction with Sustainapalooza. Hosted by The Green Umbrella student organization, Sustainapalooza offers interactive activities geared toward increasing awareness and engagement in sustainability initiatives, events and opportunities on campus and in the Ames community.

As well as walking the Live Green! carpet and pledging green resolutions, attendees can hone their sustainability skills and knowledge at four “Green It Yourself” centers focused on green cleaning, upcycling, local foods and survival skills. For more information, visit the Live Green! website.

The Symposium concludes with keynote speaker Tim Lindsey, Global Director of Sustainable Development for Caterpillar.