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Harris-Stowe Recognized for its Campus Sustainability Efforts

ST. LOUIS, MO (January 30, 2013) – The Missouri Recycling Association (MORA) board of directors, last week, along with Missouri Governor Jay Nixon, presented members of the Harris-Stowe State University sustainability team with the MORA Excellence Award. The award recognized HSSU for its outstanding participation in the 2012 RecycleMania competition. The ceremony and reception were held at the State Capitol Building in Jefferson City.

Harris-Stowe ranked 38th in the country in the category of waste minimization and 113th in the overall grand champion category. “This recognition is great for our university,” said Benny Lewis, facilities manager for the Emerson Performance Center and HSSU sustainability coordinator. “To know that we are among the top 50 schools in a pool of 605 focusing on sustainability efforts on university campuses, is something that should make HSSU and its stakeholders extremely proud.” Lewis attended the ceremony with Dr. Ann Podleski, professor of math, who also serves on the sustainability committee and Jordan Bosman, a senior marketing student.

RecycleMania is a friendly competition and benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities to their campus communities. Over an eight-week period each spring, 605 colleges and universities across the United States and Canada report the amount of recycling and trash collected each week and are in turn ranked in various categories based on who recycles the most on a per capita basis. Schools are also measured by which have the best recycling rate as a percentage of total waste and generate the least amount of combined trash and recycling. With each week’s updated ranking, participating schools follow their performance against other colleges and use the results to rally their campus to reduce and recycle more.

Harris-Stowe State University, located in midtown St. Louis, is a four-year institution that offers 14 degree programs in the areas of Accounting, Business Administration, Biology, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Health Care Management, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Information Sciences and Computer Technology, Mathematics, Middle School Education, Professional Interdisciplinary Studies, Secondary Education and Urban Affairs. Ranked by *U.S. News* as one of America’s Best Colleges in the Midwest, the university, which has been in existence for more than 150 years, offers the most affordable bachelor’s degree in the state of Missouri. HSSU is also home of the Don and Heide Wolff Jazz Institute.

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