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College Council Includes Diverse Mix of Founding Members

(ALBANY, NY) — The New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling (NYSAR³) has announced the initial roster of founding members of its new College Council, including the College of Saint Rose, Albany; Hudson Valley Community College, Troy; Buffalo State College, Buffalo; Onondaga Community College, Syracuse; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy; and SUNY Fredonia.

“We are very pleased with the response we’ve gotten from New York colleges and universities to date,” said College Council State Coordinator John Halenar. “We know there are a number of other institutions considering becoming members and going through the approval process on their campuses. We’d like to add another half dozen or so founding members before the end of the spring semester and then build on that foundation going into the fall.”

The list of colleges and universities that have joined the College Council so far represents a broad spectrum of enrollment numbers, academic concentrations, and geographic locations.

The College Council was created at the end of last year to provide New York’s diverse institutions of higher learning with a forum through which students, environmental staff, and faculty can share information about common environmental problems and best practices. The College Council will also provide college and university representatives with access to the expertise and knowledge of the environmental professionals who make up the regular membership of NYSAR³.

College Council members have already begun to use the members-only listserv that is the primary communication tool provided to participants. They are also receiving an electronic newsletter with information about environmental activities and events on other New York campuses as well as campuses around the country; job postings; developments in the environmental field in general; and other relevant news.

Each institutional member of the College Council receives one regular NYSAR³ membership for a staff person and one NYSAR³ student membership, as well as reduced membership fees for all other students, staff and faculty at the institution.

For more information about the College Council or to receive a membership application, contact Halenar at johnhalenar@yahoo.com (551-486-0315). For more information on NYSAR³ and its other programs and services, including the Organics Council, the Buy Recycled Alliance of New York, and the Go Green Initiative for K-12 schools, see the organization’s website at www.nysar3.org or contact NYSAR³’s Administrative Assistant Diane Fisher at PO Box 3913, Albany, NY 12203, 1-888-925-7329, e-mail: diane@nysar3.net.

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