UMD finishes #1 in the ACC and state of Maryland in RecycleMania 2014

The annual RecycleMania competition among colleges and universities nationwide has concluded, and the results are in. This year UMD surpassed its 2013 results in every category.

The University of Maryland’s final standings were as follows:

- #1 in the state of Maryland and #1 in the ACC in the Grand Champion category with a recycling rate of 39.77%
- #1 in the ACC for the Waste Minimization category, generating 33.99 pounds of recycling per person
- #1 in the state of Maryland in the Gorilla (large school) category with 604,572 pounds of recycling in a single week
- #2 in the state of Maryland for the Food Service Organics category, generating 6.42 pounds of compostables per person

Throughout the competition, the university saved 1,032 metric tons of CO₂ over an eight week period-comparable to keeping over one thousand cars off the road or the energy consumption of six hundred households during this period of time.
UMD would have finished in the top five in every category were the university already a part of the Big Ten Conference, placing second in the Grand Champion category and first place in Waste Minimization and Food Services Organics.

Continued outreach efforts proved effective once again for the campus with two sensitive document shredding events, an e-waste drive, a grand finale event at The Stamp, and the first ever “Recycle This!” video contest.

“Thanks to the many members of our campus community who made the slogan, ‘Bin It to Win It,’ a reality!” said Adrienne Small, Campus Recycling Coordinator.

Click here to see a summary of UMD’s RecycleMania performance. Click here to see a full breakdown of UMD’s results.

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