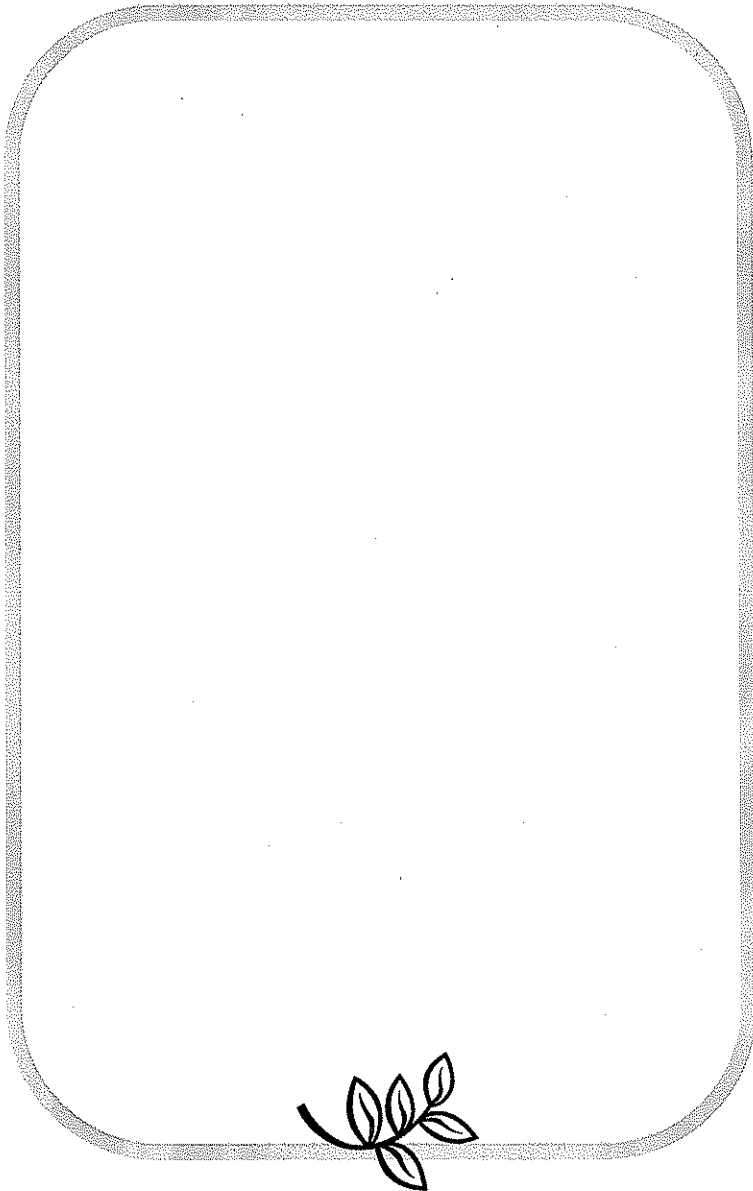


This back page can be used yearbook style to gather comments from your fellow graduates!



The Compostable Times Presents:

Oh the Places You'll Go!



A collection of words of wisdom, sage advice, favorite quotes, and other comments provided by the Faculty and Staff of SNRE to guide the SNRE Graduating Class of 2008

"Oh, the Places you'll Go!"

I would venture to guess that many of us have heard those words or maybe even have been given that delightful book at a graduation event. The book, by Dr. Seuss, reminds us that challenges will come and adventures may follow but in the end you will succeed, "Yes, you will indeed. (98 3/4% guaranteed.)"

The intent of this collection is to provide some guiding words for the 2008 SNRE graduates, who will continue on with their professional careers, ready to make this world a better place, in all senses of the word. So to you, graduates, is this gift from The Compostable Times, Student Government, and the school as a whole.

A special thanks and appreciation to the contributors of this collection. Ranging from the thoughtful to the humorous, from one line to several, the faculty and staff of SNRE provided (some in a very short time frame!) some wonderful words.

Muchas Gracias!

Jose G Gonzalez
Compostable Times Editor



Ralph Waldo Emerson once said "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us." As you navigate the path of your career, remember that the choices you make and all that you accomplish are more than just a reflection of what lies within you. They make you who you are. May you always make choices you can be proud of and be productive in ways that are important to you. In this way you will nurture goodness in yourself.

Christopher Ellis
Associate Professor



"Find your passion and stay true that. Everything else will follow."

Best,

Mark D. Hunter
Professor

There are only two emotions: fear and love. Remember that sustainability is really an expression of love---for this planet and all the creatures that live here. Forgive yourself and your fellow humans for their shortcomings, and hold fast to the vision of a world that works for everyone.

Tom Lyon
Professor and Co-Director of the Erb Institute



I have always like these words of advice:

" Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."

Jennifer Taylor
School Registrar



"The future is already here. It's just unevenly distributed."

William Gibson

In 1931, not long before he died, the inventor Thomas Edison told his friends Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone: "I'd put my money on the sun and solar energy. What a source of power! I hope we don't have to wait until oil and coal run out before we tackle that."

Andy Hoffman
Professor and Co-Director of the Erb Institute

I think my only words of wisdom would have to be:

Don't forget to dance!

Rebecca Hardin
Professor

"May you build a ladder to the stars, and climb on every rung ... may your heart always be joyful and your song always be sung, and may you stay forever young."

-Bob Dylan

William S. Currie
Associate Professor

Even wicked problems have solutions if the timing and politics are right. Have patience, perseverance, and a good plan. And remember, "Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants."

Don Scavia
Professor and Director of Michigan Sea Grant

"Beauty matters - in landscape policy, design, and for enjoying life."

Joan Iverson Nassauer, FASLA
Professor of Landscape Architecture





Know what you are passionate about, and follow your passions.

James S. Diana, Professor

Never lose sight of two facts:
Things could be better (when you are feeling satisfied);
Things could be worse (when you are feeling down).

Arun Agrawal
Associate Professor

"Humanity is at a crossroads- we can either have a paradigm shift in our thinking about ourselves and our Earth home, or we can continue to participate in our own demise. We can learn our lesson through joy or through pain- either way we will learn. Your experience at SNRE is just the first step to being the change. The next, and most crucial, step is taking that knowledge out into the world and making it accessible for everyone."

Adam Ancira
Recruiting and Admissions Coordinator



"I believe that to meet the challenge of our times, human beings will have to develop a greater sense of universal responsibility. Each of us must learn to work not just for his or her own self, family or nation, but for the benefit of all mankind. Universal responsibility is the real key to human survival. It is the best foundation for world peace, the equitable use of natural resources and, through concern for future generations, the proper care of the environment."

His Holiness, the 14th Dalai Lama

Rosina M. Bierbaum, Professor and Dean

Be a leader and continue to follow your passion. Your efforts will benefit many, and I thank you for your dedication. Work hard - and remember to play hard too!

Sondra Auerbach
Director, Office of Academic Programs





It has been both an honor and a pleasure being part of your lives these past 2+ years. Keep your SNRE family posted on the next chapters in your professional lives. Your accomplishments provide the inspiration for tomorrow's students who will follow in your footsteps. Remember Margaret Mead's words:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Congratulations to you all!

Julia Wondolleck
Associate Professor

"Congratulations on graduating! For most of you, a new job is in your future. You'll have projects with deadlines, meetings with stakeholders around the world, and many more exciting goals to accomplish. Just remember this: always remember what's most important...and it's not your laptop or Blackberry. Family and friends come first. They are always there when you need them the most, they provide guidance and support, and can provide a hug when you need one (although a tree is a good substitute for this :-)). Always take time for family and friends - you'll be a much happier person with their constant love and support."

Kim LeClair
Student Services Specialist



"Go out into the world and never lose sight of your dreams. Believe and you will achieve! Do what you love doing, for enthusiasm is contagious and you will inspire others along the way.

Always strive to make a difference. Think outside the box. Dig deep and challenge yourself in all that you do but be sure to take time out for yourself. The world needs leaders like you. Be green and go blue!"

--Lisa Yee-Litzenberg
SNRE, Coordinator of Student Career Services
(& SNRE 1992 Alumna)

"Don't waste TODAY, there are no do-overs"

Judy Byington

Dear Graduates,

We may have neglected to teach you something even more important than the core knowledge you have all honed. It is particularly important given that you are not lacking in passion and that your talents and leadership abilities will be in great demand. Yours -- ours -- is a long distance race.

It does take perseverance, but it equally requires a sustainable pace and attention to your own sustainability. Such advice is, of course, much easier to give than to heed!

Rachel Kaplan
Professor



"The sum of the whole is this: walk and be happy, walk and be healthy."

Charles Dickens

How fortunate that mental restoration requires nothing more than the simple act of walking, particularly in natural settings. There seems to be no special advantage to time spent in spectacular environments. A walk through an urban park, a lunch-time stroll down a tree-line street, or an evening excursion through nearby nature will suffice. And thus, as we struggle to repair the Earth, we might consider this simple prescription for maintaining our mental vitality: walk outside, walk regularly, walk surrounded by nature.

Raymond De Young
Associate Professor



"As you go out to do the work you've been training for, always keep in mind what motivated you to start down this path in the first place. Recognize that much of scientific and social progress are made incrementally and do the best you can to help make the steps to which you are contributing. But, when you see an opportunity to facilitate a radical change for the better, take it. Balance your work with endeavors that refresh and renew your spirit. Have fun and good luck."

Dan Brown
Professor and Associate Dean

Listen to your inner voice and follow your dreams. Never give up on them despite the obstacles. Seek out mentors who want to help you, they are everywhere.

- Paul Mohai
Professor



Beware of all enterprises that require a new set of clothes - Henry David Thoreau

It is not part of a true culture to tame tigers, any more than it is to make sheep ferocious. - Henry David Thoreau

There are a thousand hacking at the branches of evil to one who is striking at the root. - Henry David Thoreau

What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on? - Henry David Thoreau

"To experience life is not to "figure it out" or even to understand it. Life is not predictable; though we can destroy it, we cannot make it. It cannot, except by reduction and the grave risk of damage, be controlled. To think otherwise is to enslave life, and to make, not humanity, but a few humans its predictably inept masters." Wendell Berry, *Life is a Miracle*, 2000

All the best,

Dean Bavington
Professor

