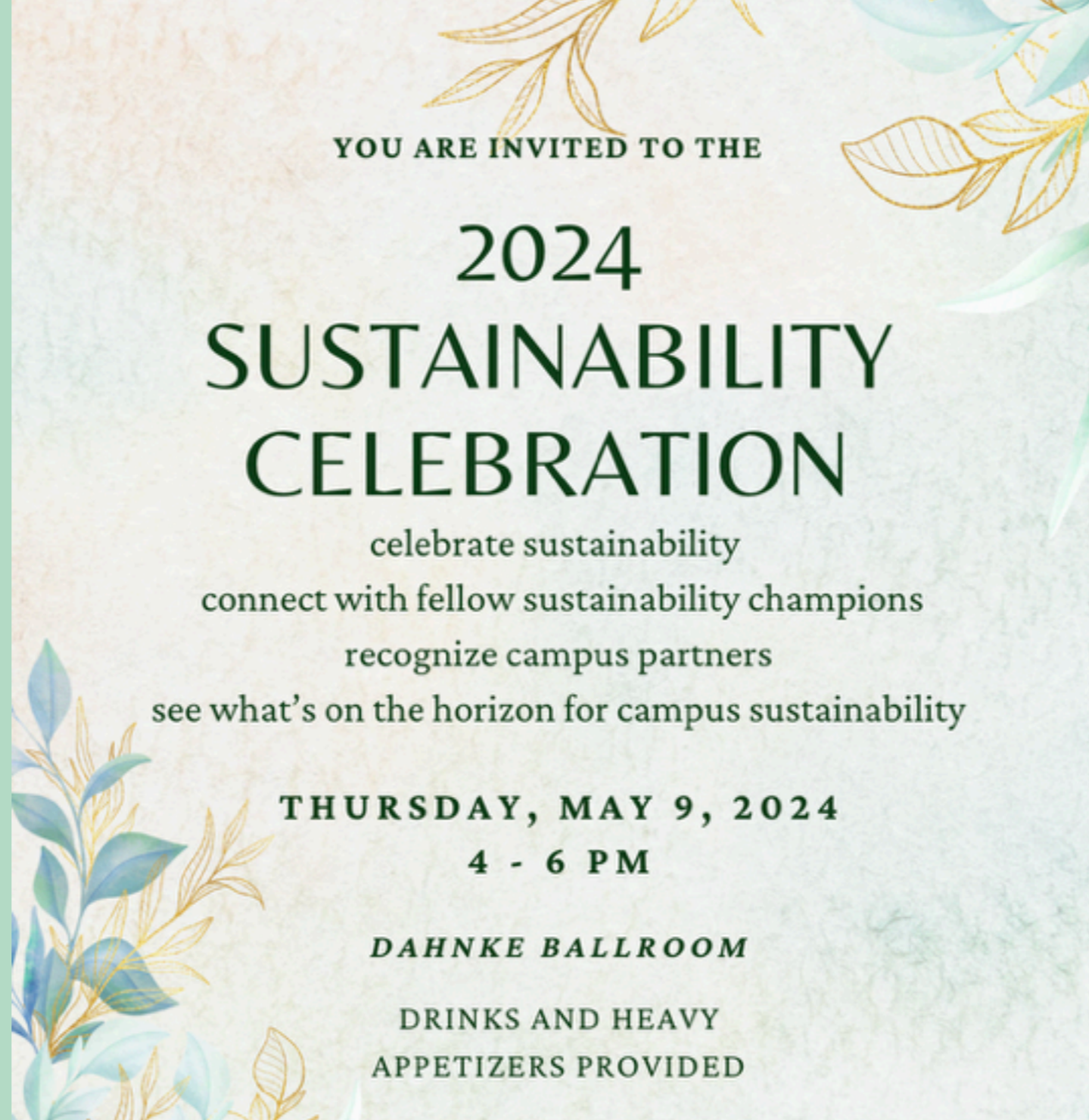


Term of the Month

May's term of the month is **e-waste**. E-waste is short for electronic waste. It's critical to properly dispose of spent electronic devices and appliances to recuperate precious metals like copper or gold and prevent hazardous materials from contaminating the environment. Any University-owned electronic material or appliance, like computers or printers, can have a [work order](#) submitted to be picked up and recycled through the University's e-waste servicer, Kuusakoski Recycling. Personal e-waste materials should be processed independently through local collection streams. [Search our A-Z Recycling Directory](#) to learn how to properly dispose of your e-waste.

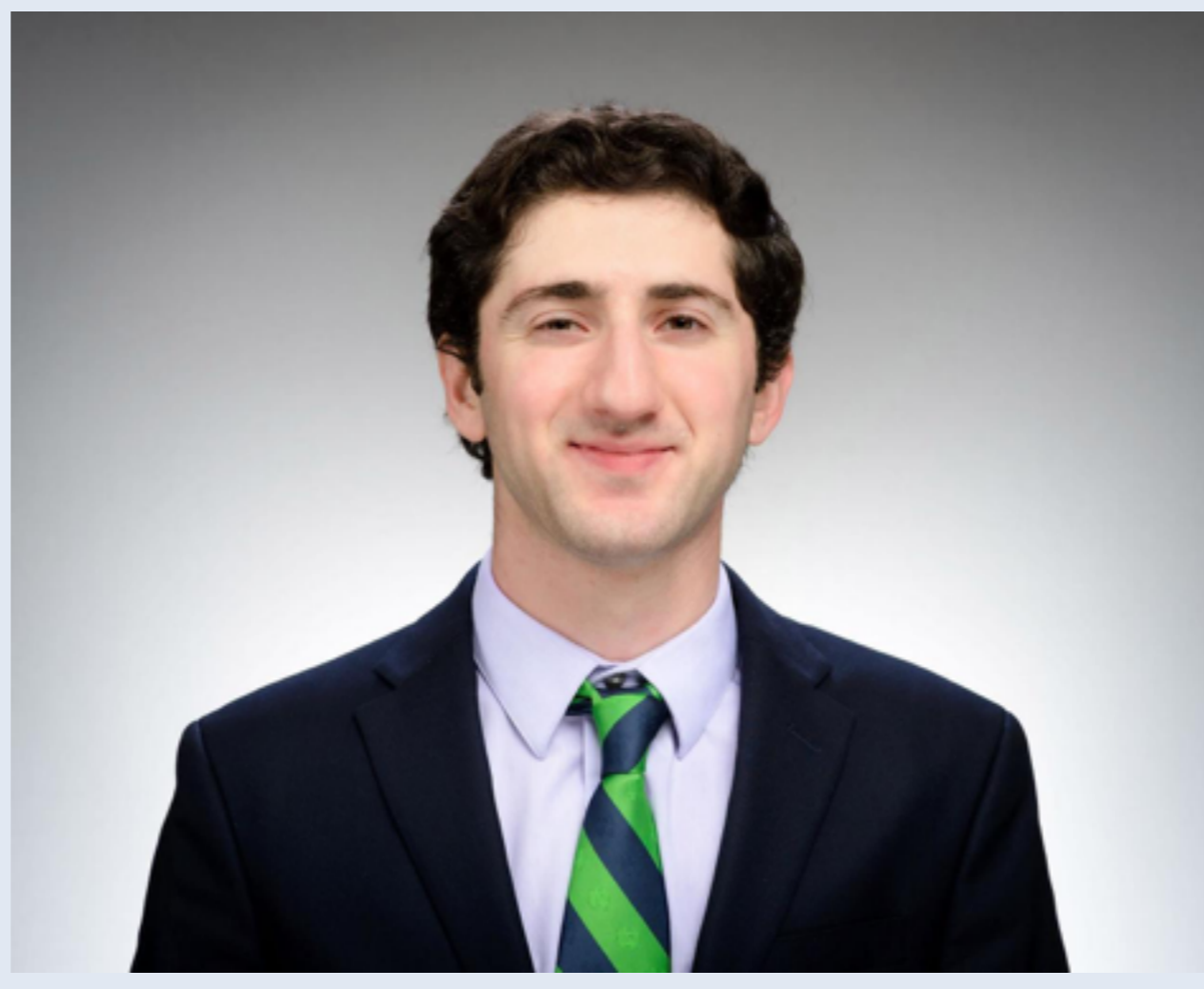
Learn more about e-waste from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Mark Your Calendars to Join Us



RSVP to let us know you're attending

Sustainability Spotlight: John Kalemkerian



John is the Notre Dame Sustainability team's newest member. As the Sustainability Program Manager for Operations and Analysis, his primary responsibility supports operational collaborations involving metrics. John grew up with a passion for sustainability that was heightened by family trips to national parks and spending time outdoors in and around his hometown of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

John earned his bachelor's degree from Notre Dame with a major in Science-Business. As an undergraduate student, he participated in the Summer Service Learning Program through the Center for Social Concerns, interning at The Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti, Michigan. He also recently received a master's degree in Energy and Sustainability from Northwestern University, where he was able to explore many areas of interest including sustainable food systems and the B Corp community. During this graduate program, he completed a team-based practicum project focused on growing the circular economy.

John joined us in January 2024. Please join us in welcoming John!

Prep for a Sustainable Move-Out & Win Cookies

 <p>Donate inside (blue carts) <i>smaller items</i></p>	<p>Goodwill Donations</p> <p>Donate outside (near yard signs) <i>larger items</i></p>
 <p>Recycle, as usual!</p>	 <p>Donate inside <i>new/lightly used school supplies</i></p>

Residence Hall move-out can be a very hectic time! To make this time of year a bit less stressful, the Sustainability Office is hosting its first-ever **Move-Out Donation Competition**. [See our move-out page for more details](#). The leading dorms will have **Insomnia Cookies** delivered on **May 3, May 6, and May 8!**

Even if you are not participating in the Move-Out Donation Competition, it is still critical to properly dispose of your waste. If possible, donate your furniture, school supplies, clothes, and other gently used items. For smaller items like lamps or clothing, blue donation bins will be available inside residence halls. Larger items, such as couches or rugs, should be taken outside of the residence halls and placed near the white donation signs. As of Spring 2024, cardboard donation boxes will be available in residence halls to donate school supplies, such as pens, pencils, scissors, folders, blank Post-Its, and more! Gently used items will go to the Robinson Community Learning Center and South Bend Public Schools.

If donation is not possible, please recycle what you can! Recycling will be available via the blue toters and gray carts around campus. If you aren't sure if an item can be recycled, check out our [A-Z Recycling Directory](#). If an item is broken, or unable to be donated or recycled, your final option is to send it to the landfill. Green dumpsters with Waste Management labels and silver dumpsters on wheels will be located outside near residence halls. Not sure what to do with an item? See our [Move-Out FAQ](#) and [table of common dorm items](#).

Read up on this year's sustainable move-out protocols

Sustainability Tip: Make a plan for your belongings



If you're returning to campus next academic year, it's important to consider what you will need ahead of time. If you have everything you'll need, make a storage plan for the summer to keep your current belongings safe and prevent needing to buy something over again. If you're a rising senior moving off-campus and need furniture, seek out items from graduating students.

If you're staying on campus and you know you need new items, ask around to see if someone in your dorm might be getting rid of what you need. These alternatives to buying new will not only be cost-effective, but they will prolong the item's life and keep it out of a landfill.

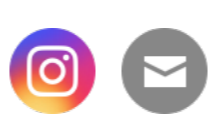
Still can't find what you need for next year? Consider local thrift shops or online secondhand marketplaces. You can find some good deals on items in great condition! Giving new life to quality items will help reduce waste in our landfills and continue to further sustainability at Notre Dame!

Graduating this month? Stay in the Notre Dame Sustainability Loop



Are you a senior or graduate student graduating this May? You might be preparing to leave campus, but you don't have to leave our newsletter! Register your alumni or non-ND email to continue receiving *The Green Ambassador* to stay up-to-date on the latest sustainability work at Notre Dame.

Register your non-ND or alumni email address



Nominate someone to be recognized in our next Sustainability Spotlight!

Do you know about a sustainability event coming up? Add it our Google calendar