

# The Sustainable BOBCAT

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## Bates Students Join the People's Climate March in NYC!

"The evidence supporting climate change is indisputable, and has been for some time. The Peoples Climate March was a worldwide effort to demand action on climate change. It was powerful to be a part of such a large unified movement. I truly believe that, like all large social movements, no action will be taken by our leaders without public demonstration." –Nathan Diplock '17

"It was amazing to be part of such a historic event and to be able to represent Bates..." – Becky Culp '15

"Seeing the hundreds of thousands of people gathered together with one cause in mind was a poignant experience, to say the least." –Ankrish Milne '17



## GREEN CERTIFICATION INITIATIVE

An interview with Jordan, Dana, & Tenzin Namdol, The Green Cert Team

### Can you describe what Green Certification is?

"Green Certification is an initiative to build more sustainable habits among students. There are two steps to get certified: First, fill out the Green Certification Checklist. Then, set up a time to meet with an EcoRep to go over your commitments. Once certified, you will receive a green patch or sticker, a door-clip for your room, and qualify to participate in periodic green challenges for cool prizes. Examples include a full car carpool contest over school breaks, and a recyclable art competition. Winners will receive prizes like gas cards and NeZinscot gift cards— stuff people want."



Looking to get certified?  
Visit [www.bates.edu/sustainability](http://www.bates.edu/sustainability)

### What is the rationale behind Green Certification?

"We know people will be skeptical if we tell them that a 5-minute shower will save the world. That's not what we're trying to say. Instead, the program encourages long-term sustainable habits, modeling these habits for peers, and in turn, the spread of a new, more sustainable norm on campus. "

### Why do you think it's important to get Green Certified?

"Bates students know that climate change is a key issue and they talk about how nothing is being done. I do this. Everyone does this. We see Green Certification as a first step to show support, commitment to the issue, and a willingness to live more sustainably. It starts with each of us. It feels good to put actions behind words."

### What happens if you don't get Green Certified?

"We will hunt you down, break your light bulbs, remove your showerheads, and take away your trash bins."



## The Campus Consciousness Tour

We've all heard Icona Pop is coming to Bates on **November 1<sup>st</sup>**, but it's for more than just a concert. The Campus Consciousness Tour is also an all-day environmental campaign dedicated to educating and engaging musicians and their fans to take action toward a more sustainable future. This is an awesome opportunity celebrate going green at Bates all while dancing around to "I Love It!" Keep an eye out for fun sustainability events throughout that weekend put on by the EcoRep team!

Icona Pop tickets are \$15 for Bates students and \$25 for all others.



## The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual TRASHION SHOW!

**When?** November 19<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Harvest Dinner (*Register by November 14<sup>th</sup>*)

**Who?** You! Individual and group designs accepted! Get your club or team together and make something beautiful to strut down the runway in.

**How?** Collect anything that would be considered trash or a recyclable and turn it into an avant-garde masterpiece!

**Need Inspiration?** A workshop will be held in early November to get the creative ideas flowing! October break is the perfect time to find trash treasures from home to incorporate into your runway looks!