

# RecycleMania 2020 Final Results

4.5 Million College Students and Staff Tackle Plastic Pollution and Solid Waste in National Tournament



## Top Ranking Campuses in Main Categories

Zero Waste: **Aquinas College & University of Michigan**

Diversion: **Loyola Marymount University**

Per Capita: **Loyola Marymount University**

Food Organics: **Stanford University**; Honorable Mention to **Worcester Polytechnic Institute**

## Top Ranking Campuses in Special Categories

Race to Zero Waste: **Georgia Institute of Technology**

Electronics: **Southwestern College** (Per Capita) & **Stony Brook University** (Total Lbs.)

GameDay Basketball: **Ohio State University** (Diversion), **George Mason University** (Per Capita)

\*Due to COVID-19 and early campus closures, RecycleMania 2020 ranked campuses based on weeks 1-5 only.



Loyola Marymount University, California,



Stanford University, California



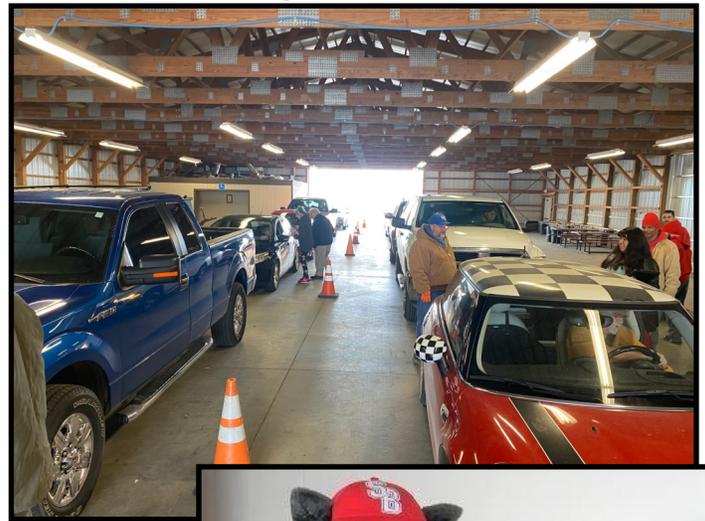
George Mason University, Virginia



National Wildlife Federation is the manager of the RecycleMania Program

# RecycleMania 2020 Impact

- ⇒ **48.6 million** pounds of waste recycled and composted
- ⇒ **380 million** single-use plastic containers removed from the waste stream
- ⇒ Prevented release of **70,875 metric tons** of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO<sub>2</sub>E) into the atmosphere, equivalent to preventing annual emissions from **15,047 cars!**



Stony Brook University  
New York



## RecycleMania—A Campus Solution

Plastic pollution and solid waste disposal are rising as a critical threat to the world's wildlife and to human health. There are few solutions to this problem as important as engaging and educating America's future leaders on the dangers of solid waste and plastics build-up, and how the problem can be addressed through reduction of use, recycling, composting, and more.

The RecycleMania competition is designed to educate and challenge students and staff and faculty at college campuses to compete for best in category by reducing and recycling the most waste in a prescribed eight week period. The competition measures such factors as how much of a campus's waste stream is recycled, how much is diverted, per capita results, food waste abatement and more. It also examines the effect of education on young people avoiding single-use plastics such as disposable bottles and packaging.

In 2020, RecycleMania announced its new name, Campus Race to Zero Waste, to better reflect the purpose of the program—to help campuses find a pathways toward zero waste.

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