2018 South Africa Sustainability Challenge Review
During International Education Week 2018, 222 people participated in the South Africa Sustainability Challenge. Inspired by South Africa’s diversity of cultures and breathtaking natural environment, participants attended events and committed to actions to learn about nature, water, community, waste, and energy.

Together, everyone had a big impact, saving 3,340 gallons of water, spending 4,995 minutes outdoors, keeping 107 plastic bottles out of the landfill, and spending 12,612 minutes learning.

Altogether, our participants earned 38,120 points for completing daily actions and attending events, posted over 100 updates on the Challenge feed, and formed 24 teams.

The South Africa Sustainability Challenge was a great opportunity for learning, engagement, and partnership. The Office for Sustainability is very grateful for the participation of so many people across campus and for the chance to collaborate with the Office of International Education. #URSouthAfricaWeek
Participation Highlights

JEAN HIMELSPACH  11/16/2018 6:01 AM
This was terrific, and I have changed some behaviors permanently. Thank you for getting us involved!

KATHRYN HOSKINS  11/14/2018 11:34 AM
I'm excited about making this world a better place.

TEQUITA HAWKINS  11/13/2018 5:44 AM
Who knew there could be so much to learn about water consumption. I found the quiz to be interesting and think I'll definitely be more conscientious in my home.

ANNEMARIE WEITZEL  11/15/2018 5:13 AM
I've learned that 1 person can make a big difference - imagine if everyone stepped up?

SUSAN GALVIN  11/16/2018 12:19 PM
There is a lot about energy at UR that I didn't know! This challenge has been a great way to learn more about both UR and South Africa!
Challenge Winners

1️⃣ First Place
Shani Buchholz
Common Ground

1370 Points
Prize: Springbok Rugby hat &
African penguin sponsorship

2️⃣ Second Place
Jason Cope
Information Services

1095 Points
Prize: South African cookbook
& spices

3️⃣ Third Place
Zac de Lusignan
Green UR

1055 Points
Prize: Bird of paradise plant

First Place Team: Information Services
29 Team Members

10,605 Points
Prize: “Born a Crime” by
Trevor Noah