

ESW, SGA Planting Party prepares IIT for community garden

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Lately it seems that ecology, sustainability and green topics are increasingly starting to get into the spotlight.

We are more conscientious about our planet and our way of life. One direct proof of this is the RecycleMania Challenge in which IIT is involved this month, as highlighted in a previous edition of TechNews. Another example of this is the great initiative that a group of IPRO, Engineers for a Sustainable World (ESW) and the Student Government Association (SGA) have started. They are planning to start a community garden on the Quad, in the vacant lot between Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority and the Triangle Fraternity.

They have the permits, the idea, and the aim to create and run this green project. To complement it, they are going to set up a stand where they will sell the fruits of this garden. A good, healthy product for those who really care about where their food comes from and how has it been grown.

In order to engage students with this initiative and recruit some new volunteers to become part of this new IIT adventure, last Wednesday, March 7, at lunchtime these three associations hosted an event to promote their future garden. They made it in an effective way for students to plant some seeds of their own. It was a planting event on a small scale.

Students could choose a plant, get a planter for it (of course made out of recycled plastic materials), fill it up with soil, plant the seeds and finally add some water. The idea attracted curious eyes and followers of green. If you missed the opportunity to plan your own seed another event will be hosted on Thursday March 29.

This is another chance to become involved in campus life and an excellent way to strengthen ties with the IIT community.

If you want to be part of this exciting new project, or would like more information, contact ESW at eswiit1@gmail.com, or SGA Senator, Billy Bafia, at wbafia@hawk.iit.edu.

