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WWC wins campus recycling award from Carolina Recycling Association

The Carolina Recycling Association, comprising both Carolinas, has given its first award for Outstanding College or University Recycling Program to Warren Wilson College.

The award, presented at the association's annual conference in Raleigh, honors a program "that promotes sustainable resource use through waster reduction, reuse and recycling on a college campus." In 2006, Warren Wilson received the CRA's Green Building Project of the Year award for its LEED Gold-certified Orr Cottage.

Warren Wilson's waste management program, supervised by Jessica Wooten for the past several years, began in 1982 with one student who was concerned about the campus waste stream. Today, a crew of 15-20 students is responsible for collecting and managing more than 25 recyclable materials; operating a FreeStore and WoodShop; composting campus food waste; disposing of solid waste; researching and implementing new waste reduction programs; and educating the campus about waste-related issues. For more information on recycling at Warren Wilson, see www.warren-wilson.edu/~recycle.

According to its website, the Carolina Recycling Association has been "conserving resources by advancing waste reduction in North and South Carolina since 1989."

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