Goodbye David!

After 10+ years at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, David Havelick will be leaving to take a new position in the Harvard University Office for Sustainability. Here are some words that David wanted to share with readers of the EcoMosquito:

“I feel like I grew up here in the halls and offices and classrooms of the Harvard Chan School of Public Health. It’s where I developed a passion for sustainability and public health. I still vividly remember walking into the first-ever “Green Team” meeting here at the School, perhaps eight years ago. Within months, we had come up with the name EcoOpportunity, and started working on projects like eliminating bottled water and setting up a composting program.

Over the years, the award-winning EcoOpportunity Team has worked with people across the School to institutionalize and prioritize sustainability. It has become an integral part of the School’s culture and has expanded to include the entire Harvard Longwood Campus. It is through this group that I have made many lasting friendships from all around the Longwood Campus, and that makes it tough to leave.

A quick piece of advice to anyone who is passionate about sustainability and wants to meet wonderful energetic people from across the campus who share that passion – go to an EcoOpportunity meeting!

To those who have been part of my journey here at the School – in the Department of Epidemiology, in EcoOpportunity, in the Harvard Longwood Bicyclists – thank you. Thank you for your wisdom, your inspiration, and your commitment to improving the world. Let’s never stop.”

Zero Waste Commencement 2016

On the last Thursday in May, graduates of HMS, HSDM, and Harvard Chan strolled in elation across the stages in Longwood for their commencement ceremonies, receiving their well-earned diplomas in fields committed to health and wellness in the service of others.

As their families and friends joined in the celebration, volunteers from the Harvard Longwood Campus helped mark the Longwood Campus’ first effort towards a zero-waste commencement. A team of 25 volunteers between the two ceremonies, as well as custodial, operations, planning, and catering teams helped make this happen.

Speaker for the Harvard Chan School, Donna Shalala, President of the Clinton Foundation, gave EcoOpportunity an unexpected “shout-out” for our efforts in making commencement zero-waste.

DON’T MISS THIS!

June 23 @ 11am-12pm – EcoOpportunity Meeting in the Minot Room in Countway Library