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*North Carolina State University Honored with The Outstanding College or University Program Award  
By The Carolina Recycling Association*

North Carolina State University was honored with the Outstanding College or University Program Award by the Carolina Recycling Association during its annual conference and trade show on March 25<sup>th</sup> in Myrtle Beach, SC.

The Outstanding College or University Program Award honors a program that promotes sustainable resource use through waste reduction, reuse, and recycling on a college campus and uses innovative aspects to increase recycling and educate students.

It is common knowledge that college students consume large amounts of pizza, but NCSU tackled the lesser-known solution about what to do with the large amounts of waste generated. In March 2014, NCSU launched a pizza box composting program in collaboration with University Housing. What began with two pizza box dumpsters quickly grew to six and to date over 9000 pizza boxes have been composted through the program. Students can compost pizza boxes, leftover pizza (if that exists on a college campus), paper plates, and napkins. The dumpsters even accepted pumpkins in the fall. All of the material goes to Brooks Compost to be recycled back into nutrient rich soil amendments.

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For more information, please contact the CRA's Awards Committee:  
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The Carolina Recycling Association (CRA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established to advance waste reduction and recycling in the Carolinas. The CRA is supported by a community of people - multi-national corporations, small businesses, local government, state government agencies, and individuals across the Carolinas who are committed to waste reduction and recycling efforts. With over 300 member organizations (over 800 individuals), the CRA is ever growing and changing to benefit our members and the recycling industry. Find out more about CRA's work and how to join at [www.cra-recycle.org](http://www.cra-recycle.org).



Lauren McKinnis accepts the 2015 Outstanding College or University Program Award on behalf of North Carolina State University from Carolina Recycling Association President Patrick Darrow.