Alcoa Foundation Partners with SLU for Campus Recycling Initiatives

The University is one of 35 institutions to receive a portion of more than 11,500 recycling bins to help strengthen its efforts to increase Midtown campus recycling. The Alcoa Foundation has partnered with Keep America Beautiful and the College & University Recycling Coalition to provide 1,548 recycling bins to Saint Louis University as part of the Alcoa Foundation Recycling Bin Grant Program.

SLU is one of 35 colleges and universities that are receiving a portion of more than 11,500 recycling bins this year. This week, University will place two of the bins in every on-campus apartment to make it easier to students to recycle — SLU uses single-stream recycling, so students can put paper, metal, plastic and glass recyclables in the same receptacles.

"As one of the nation's leading Jesuit universities, we are committed to fostering a campus culture that embraces sustainability," said Kathleen Brady, vice president for facilities services and SLU's chief sustainability officer. "We have made significant strides in the area of sustainability, and we would like to thank the Alcoa Foundation for generously helping further our efforts."

In addition to the recycling bin program, the Alcoa Foundation also sponsors a series of free educational webinars that feature recognized experts covering a range of topics related to sustainable materials management. The webinars are a collaborative effort with Keep America Beautiful, the College & University Recycling Coalition, and the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. For a schedule of webinars, visit curc3r.org.

"Alcoa Foundation has been a true leader in advancing recycling nationwide through its support of its bin grant and other programs," said Matthew M. McKenna, president and CEO of Keep America Beautiful. "Its involvement with RecycleMania and the College & University Recycling Coalition's webinar series has helped to increase recycling on campuses and instill a recycling ethic that college students will carry with them the rest of their lives."

About Saint Louis University

Saint Louis University is a Catholic, Jesuit institution that values academic excellence, life-changing research, compassionate health care, and a strong commitment to faith and service. Founded in 1818, the University fosters the intellectual and character development of nearly 14,000 students on two campuses in St. Louis, Mo. and Madrid, Spain. Building on a legacy of nearly 200 years, Saint Louis University continues to move forward with an unwavering commitment to a higher purpose, a greater good. For more information about recycling and other sustainability efforts at SLU, visit recycling.slu.edu. To learn more about the University, visit slu.edu.
About Alcoa Foundation

Alcoa Foundation is one of the largest corporate foundations in the U.S., with assets of approximately $460 million. Founded 60 years ago, Alcoa Foundation has invested more than $570 million since 1952. In 2012, Alcoa Foundation contributed more than $21 million to nonprofit organizations throughout the world, building innovative partnerships to improve the environment and educate tomorrow's leaders for careers in manufacturing and engineering. The work of Alcoa Foundation is further enhanced by Alcoa's thousands of employee volunteers who share their talents and time to make a difference in the communities where Alcoa operates. Through the company's signature Month of Service program, in 2012 a record 60 percent of Alcoa employees took part in more than 1,050 events across 24 countries, benefiting more than 450,000 people and 2,050 nonprofit organizations. For more information, visit alcoafoundation.com and follow @AlcoaFoundation on Twitter.

About Keep America Beautiful

Keep America Beautiful is the nation's leading nonprofit that brings people together to build and sustain vibrant communities. With a network of more than 1,200 affiliate and participating organizations including state recycling organizations, we work with millions of volunteers to take action in their communities. Keep America Beautiful offers solutions that create clean, beautiful public places, reduce waste and increase recycling, generate positive impact on local economies and inspire generations of environmental stewards. Through our programs and public-private partnerships, we engage individuals to take greater responsibility for improving their community's environment. For more information, visit kab.org.