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Vermont Environmental Consortium (VEC) Presents Environmental Career Panel Discussions

BURLINGTON, VT- The Vermont Environmental Consortium (VEC) recently presented a panel discussion for University of Vermont students on opportunities in environmental careers for all potential majors and degree programs. The first of these discussions was hosted by UVM in the UVM Career + Experience Hub in Burlington. Panelists, all professionals from VEC member organizations, came from a variety of businesses and nonprofits. Panelists included Shaun Fielder- Executive Director of Vermont Rural Water Association; Ronald A. Shems, Esq. - Attorney, Diamond & Robinson, P.C.; Julie Moore- Senior Engineer and Water Resources Service Line Leader, Stone Environmental, Inc.; and Kurt Muller, P.E. - Senior Project Engineer/Manager, The Johnson Company, Inc.

VEC has designed and is offering these panel discussions free of charge to Vermont universities and colleges to meet the educational outreach component of its mission. The panels will be comprised of VEC members with diverse professional backgrounds in Vermont's environmental sector.

This program builds on the Vermont Green Careers Website, developed by VEC for the Vermont Department of Labor. A wide variety of "green jobs" and careers can be researched on the website, including: Environmental Protection; Green Building, Manufacturing & Transportation; Green Education & Research; and Energy Production. The website guides a visitor to job description, educational requirements, wages, job trends and projections, specific to each potential job or career choice. A video accompanies each section where people discuss that specific environmental career. The website can be found at: <http://www.vermontgreencareers.org/> or under the "Projects" tab of VEC's member website www.vectogether.org. Career related events will be posted under the News tab on the Green Careers website.

Vermont educational institutions interested in hosting a VEC career panel should contact Kurt Muller at (802) 229-4600 or JKM@jcomail.com to learn more. To hear more about the first panel hosted at UVM please contact; Anna Smiles-Becker, Career Counselor & Internship Coordinator for Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources / University of Vermont at Anna.Smiles-Becker@uvm.edu or 802-656-3002.



Caption: VEC's first career panel discussion hosted at UVM's Career Hub in Burlington, VT on March 15, 2016.

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VEC Leads Vermont's Environmental Business Sector

Since 2000, VEC (www.vectogether.org) brings businesses, educational institutions and state and U.S. government officials together to make Vermont a leader in the green economy. VEC promotes growth and job creation in Vermont's environmental business sector through networking, information sharing and special projects.

VEC's vision is to be the go-to organization for the environmental business sector in Vermont. VEC's mission is to promote growth and job creation in Vermont's environmental business sector.

We carry out our mission by:

- Advocating for and promoting Vermont's environmental business sector;
- Forging links among business, government, non-profits and higher education to grow the green economy by promoting research, education, training, and job creation;
- Networking VEC members, with potential clients, resources, and support services through conferences, workshops, referrals, and other venues; and
- Planning and initiating projects in partnership with, and for the benefit of, our members.

To learn more, visit www.vectogether.org or contact VEC at info@vectogether.org, (802) 747-7900.