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### **Rice University Makes Strong Showing in Nationwide Recycling Contest**

During a 10-week period from January to April, Rice University participated in RecycleMania, a nationwide college and university recycling competition that included 93 schools in 33 states. Rice contended in the “Per Capita Classic” category to see which school could collect the largest amount of recyclables per person. Out of a total of 87 participants in that category, Rice placed in the upper half of the field at number 43.

As the lone participant in the state of Texas, Rice is able to claim bragging rights as state RecycleMania champs for 2006. Rice also bested conference rival University of Tulsa to earn the distinction of Conference USA RecycleMania 2006 champions.

Rice University sustainability planner Richard Johnson was especially pleased with the results. “This was our first year to compete in RecycleMania,” Johnson noted, “and I feel that the experience has provided us with some important benchmarking information versus other schools. For example, we beat such recycling and environmental notables as Duke, Portland State, the University of Vermont, and Colorado University at Boulder, which incidentally had just won a major school recycling award. I’d like to recognize the hard work of our Custodial and Grounds teams in both Facilities Engineering and Planning and in Housing and Dining, as well as the Student Recycling Council, for making this strong debut possible.”

The 2006 RecycleMania Grand Champion was California State University – San Marcos, while the winner of the Per Capita Classic category in which Rice competed was Oregon State University. The Rice Recycles program wishes to congratulate these schools, as well as the other category winners and participants, for their success.

For more information about recycling at Rice, please go to <http://recycle.rice.edu>. To learn more about RecycleMania, visit <http://www.recyclemaniacs.org>