

## College Green Captains at UTRGV Receive Sustainability Ambassador Honors

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) has a team of 15 College Green Captains making strides toward sustainability in their theatre department across their 2022-2023 season. With the support of the department, they have been able to give every member of the department a reusable water bottle to cut down on plastic waste.

Their stage managers have been able to go mostly paperless with the use of Google Drive. This has been used for rehearsal reports, attendance, and production purposes. With rehearsal reports averaging 4 pages and 30 rehearsals per production, this saves 400+ pages on just rehearsal reports! By switching to digital programs, the department was able to save 8,000+ pages this year.

The department's production of *Somewhere: A Primer for the End of Days* used a principle from the **Theater Green Book** incorporating at least 50% used items and at least 65% of the items had life after the show. The production's scenic elements primarily used reusable and recyclable materials. This included using a platform and ramp from the shop's stock and using recycled cardboard to create dirt on stage. The props included butterfly puppets which were made with over 350 recycled chip bags. For their leadership and hard work on this production, the students were awarded the honor of becoming Sustainability Ambassadors by the UTRGV Office for Sustainability.



UTRGV's College Green Captain Team



**Upcycled butterfly puppets from UTRGV's production of  
*Somewhere: A Primer for the End of Days***



**Upcycled scenic elements from UTRGV's production of  
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