



Season's Greetings from **Green STL** **Machine**

As we celebrate the holidays and reflect on a year of growth, learning, and community, we're grateful for the partners, schools, and supporters who make this work possible. This season, we're excited to continue gathering, teaching, and shaping the future of sustainable leaders.

[Upcoming Holiday & New Year Events/Programs](#)

- **December 27** – Missouri Botanical Garden

Join us for Kwanzaa at the Missouri Botanical Garden in the Jack C. Taylor visitors center from 9:00 AM–2:00 PM. Stop by to taste Chef Rona Leah's flavorful greens, prepared with produce grown in our Tower Farm Urban Agricultural Learning Center, and learn more about our work in fresh food access and education.

- **April 9** – Green Gala! Join us from 4:30 - 6:30 PM as a volunteer or guest to enjoy the feast and the green energy behind our work. Also, reach out to learn how you can sponsor this amazing, student-centered agriculture education event. Your logo could be on aprons every student will receive, or student's t-shirts and more! See "Save the Date" below and get tickets early!



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GREEN GALA 2026



Thursday April 9th 4:30 - 6:30 PM

LOCATION:

**Mathews-Dickey Club
4245 Kingshighway
Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63115**



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Celebrate and enjoy dishes imagined by students and brought to life by chefs using greens and herbs grown by students. Take home fresh herbs and special gifts made by students!

- **December 1** – Farm to Table Fundraiser ! Celebrate with us at our **second** Farm to Table fundraiser at Rhone, the beautiful event space next door to the farm. Watch chefs craft signature dishes from our freshly grown greens, take a farm tour, and enjoy a GSM student-inspired menu. Contact us to explore sponsorship opportunities!

[Holiday Sustainability Tips](#)

As part of our holiday tradition, we love sharing a few simple sustainability tips to celebrate the season thoughtfully:

- Center healthy, locally grown ingredients in your holiday dishes. Bonus points if you grow them yourself!
- **Choose reusable gift wrap like festive fabric or decorative boxes. Extra credit if you thrift them.**
- <https://prettyabstractmakes.com/how-to-wrap-with-fabric/>
- **Create biodegradable decorations such as dried orange wreaths, cinnamon stick stars, or pinecone angels.**
- <https://ecofriendlybliss.com/biodegradable-christmas-ornaments/>
- **Compost your Christmas tree instead of sending it to the landfill. Find local tree recycling options in St. Louis here.**
- <https://www.stlcompost.com/post/christmas-tree-recycling-in-st-louis>

From all of us at Green St. Louis Machine, we wish you a peaceful holiday season and a new year filled with growth, wellness, and shared progress.



Governor Mike Kehoe with Stella Erondu and Sherry Amen of Green St. Louis Machine at the November St. Louis Agribusiness Club meeting at Bayer Crop

Science. His message was clear: invest in urban youth, urban agriculture, and 4-H because our kids deserve to know where their food comes from. So in 2026, join us and "let's grow"!

YOU have the power to make a difference in their lives today — paving the way for healthier futures! Through our program, students grow, harvest, prepare, and enjoy fresh, nutritious foods, fostering a sense of ownership and empowerment over their own food choices. Together, we can transform communities and break the cycle of poor nutrition. Join us in our mission! Donate or volunteer today to help us create a healthier, brighter future for our children.

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GSM warmly invites our friends, families, and neighbors to join us this holiday season. ✨
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healthier community together.**

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