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GREEN
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Fifty schools that will help your kids help the planet.

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Across the country, hundreds of colleges and universities are making the shift to sustainability. While ten years ago students may not have taken the planet-friendliness of a campus into consideration when choosing a school, today it has become a major deciding point. From green buildings and local food to alternative energy plans and environmental degree programs, more and more institutions of higher education are turning their campus into eco-education centers.

Since KIWI compiled its first Green College Report last year, which featured 50 schools helping to save the planet, even more institutions have jumped on the sustainability-in-schools bandwagon. The number of signatories to the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (the ACUPCC, a pledge to reduce and ultimately neutralize all campus greenhouse-gas emissions) has shot up from 206 schools to 560, and programs such as sustainability-themed campus housing and student-developed alternative-energy plans are cropping up at colleges across the country.

“We’ve seen an explosion of environment-focused activities across the country,” says Judy Walton, PhD, acting executive director of the American Association of Sustainability in Higher Education. “From the smallest to largest, community colleges to Ivy League, everyone’s getting involved.”

As schools discover new and novel ways to go green, they hope to continue setting the bar higher. John Pumilio, Evergreen State College’s director of sustainability, considers it critical for campus sustainability to continue its tremendous growth. “How the next 40 years plays out will define our place

in history,” he says. “Yes, we’re concerned about what will happen, but we’re also optimistic that higher education can lead our society to a better, more prosperous future.”

Here at KIWI, we are thrilled to see so many schools launching green initiatives across the country. That’s why we’re helping you narrow your child’s school search by spotlighting 75 institutions of higher learning that are protecting the planet. Although each of these colleges and universities has undertaken an array of environmental actions, we’ve zeroed in on just a few key green selling points of each campus.

KIWI’s 2008 Green College Report features schools pioneering the way in campus sustainability, excelling in environmental stewardship, and making great strides toward going eco. In an effort to celebrate the total green university movement, the 75 school profiles on this list have no specific ranking and are simply listed in alphabetical order. To learn more about eco-minded schools across the U.S., check out the ACUPCC (www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org) or the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (www.aashe.org).

Green Glossary

Biomass: biological material that can be converted into energy and used as fuel. Sources include food waste, leftover crops, yard clippings and livestock manure.

Green roof: an extension of an existing roof, covered with vegetation. Designed to filter pollution, reduce building temperatures, and lessen pressure on sewer systems, green roofs feature a waterproof membrane, drainage layer, soil layer and lightweight plants.

Grey water reuse: a process of recycling shower, bath and laundry water for use in landscape irrigation.

LEED certification: a nationally accepted standard for measuring building sustainability, developed and administered by the U.S. Green Building Council. To earn certification, buildings must meet performance benchmarks (or “credits”) within five categories of hu-

man and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality. Through a third-party commissioning process, buildings are deemed “Certified,” “Silver,” “Gold,” or “Platinum,” depending on the number of credits they achieve in each category.

Local food: food produced regionally and according to traditional growing cycles, requiring less packaging and transportation in order to reach the consumer.

Photovoltaic panels: devices that convert sunlight directly into electricity. Also called “solar panels,” they’re often made of highly purified silicon.

Solar array: a configuration of photovoltaic panels.





Clean Sweep, Bates College's "garage sale" of electronics, bikes, toys, furnishings and other goods takes place every year. PHOTO COURTESY OF PHYLLIS GRABER JENSEN/BATES COLLEGE

In addition to its recently erected wind turbine, Babson's green features include a biodiesel recycling program.

Allegheny College

(Meadville, Pennsylvania; www.allegheny.edu)

Undergraduates: 2,100 **Tuition:** \$31,680

Room & board: \$8,000

One-third of Allegheny's food comes from local sources, and 15% of the campus is powered by wind energy. The school serves as the home base for a Pennsylvania Environmental Council project promoting energy efficiency and renewable resources. What's more, Allegheny offers a minor in Art and the Environment (designed to "creatively confront the global environmental crisis," according to the college).

Aquinas College

(Grand Rapids, Michigan; www.aquinas.edu)

Undergraduates: 1,780 **Tuition:** \$21,150

Room & board: \$6,680

Aquinas, which offers the country's first undergraduate major in Sustainable Business, invites all members of the college community to submit suggestions for building a greener campus. Proposals already put into practice include a residence hall light bulb retrofit, an electronic-waste recycling program and the use of eco-friendly cleaning products in the housekeeping department.

Arizona State University

(Tempe, Arizona; www.asu.edu)

Undergraduates: 41,815 **Tuition:** \$16,929 (out of state)

Room & board: \$7,780 \$4,897 (in state)

Home to the world's first PhD in Sustainability, as well as its first School of Sustainability, Arizona State has two undergraduate degree programs—both a B.A. and B.S. in Sustainability—focused on developing creative solutions to sustainability issues.

Babson College

(Babson Park, Massachusetts; www.babson.edu)

Undergraduates: 1,500 **Tuition:** \$36,096

Room & board: \$7,756

In addition to its recently erected wind turbine (a student-led initiative and the first of its kind in the Boston area), Babson's green features include a biodiesel recycling program, a fleet of electric vehicles and a number of newly added, sustainability-focused courses in the school's MBA program.

Ball State University

(Muncie, Indiana; www.bsu.edu)

Undergraduates: 17,919 **Tuition:** \$7,000

Room & board: \$7,598

Green highlights from Ball State's course catalog include classes in Global Climate Change, Environmental Disruption & Policy Analysis, and Environmental Economics. The university is engaged in an ongoing campus reforestation project and also purchases a percentage of its goods from local farmers markets.

Bates College

(Lewiston, Maine; www.bates.edu)

Undergraduates: 1,744

Tuition + room & board: \$49,350

Bates is under a five-year contract to use 100% renewable electricity to power its main buildings. What's more, over 80% of the school's food waste goes to composting, donations to soup kitchens, and other partnerships with local farms and businesses. Each year, the college hosts a "sustainability theme house," which accommodates 20 students and serves as a pilot for green products, systems, design and innovation.



Artist Michael Shaughnessy created this giant star of hay for the organic-themed Green Horizons exhibition and outreach program, which examines the politics and nature of sustainability. PHOTO COURTESY OF PHYLLIS GRABER JENSEN/BATES COLLEGE

Berea College

(Berea, Kentucky; www.berea.edu)

Undergraduates: 1,550 **Tuition:** \$0 (low-income students only)

Room & board: \$6,000

As part of a campaign developed by student group Helping Earth and Learning, Berea is working to meet 10% of the campus's energy demand with clean and renewable sources by 2010. Most of the college's food is grown on campus, and courses include Ecological Architecture and Introduction to Ecological Design.

Binghamton University

(Binghamton, New York; www.binghamton.edu)

Undergraduates: 11,523 **Tuition:** \$12,258 (out of state)

Room & board: \$8,967 \$5,998 (in state)

One of 11 U.S. schools to make the Princeton Review's 2009 "Green Rating Honor Roll," this State University of New York institution has transformed 81,860 square feet of formerly paved areas to green space over the past five years, invested nearly \$1.5 million in energy-saving projects since 2007, and offers an average of 40 environment- or sustainability-related courses each year.

Bowdoin College

(Brunswick, Maine; www.bowdoin.edu)

Undergraduates: 1,729 **Tuition:** \$37,790

Room & board: \$10,380

Bowdoin's use of green power and purchase of renewable-energy credits covers all of the campus's electricity needs, and month-long dorm competitions on energy conservation reduce the school's carbon footprint even further. The college also runs its own certified organic garden and communal bike club.

California State Polytechnic University

(Pomona, California; www.csupomona.edu)

Undergraduates: 19,569 **Tuition:** \$3,564

Room & board: \$9,120

While Cal Poly Pomona's architecture program prepares students to become LEED-certified professionals, its Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies focuses on teaching green strategies such as low-energy architecture, organic agriculture, ecological restoration and sustainable community development.



Duke's most recent building, the Platinum-rated Home Depot Smart Home, is a 6,000-square-foot home and laboratory for 10 students experimenting with making living spaces more sustainable.

California State University, Chico

(www.csuchico.edu)

Undergraduates: 14,927 **Tuition:** \$13,860 (out of state)
Room & board: \$8,466 \$3,690 (in state)

Chico State, which has used renewable energy throughout the campus since 1992, has a Sustainability House, a 14-person residence hall featuring energy-efficient technology and sustainable practices. Majors include Land Stewardship and Applied Ecology.

Cape Cod Community College

(West Barnstable, Massachusetts; www.capecod.edu)

Undergraduates: 5,000 **Tuition:** \$816 for two
 three-credit courses

CCCC students have the opportunity to get a degree in Environmental Technology, with courses including Coastal Ecology, Renewable Energy Sources and Introduction to Green Building.

Carleton College

(Northfield, Minnesota; www.carleton.edu)

Undergraduates: 1,966 **Tuition:** \$37,845
Room & board: \$9,993

In addition to currently constructing two LEED Gold dorms, Carleton offers courses on Conservation Biology, Environmental Ethics, and Buddhism and Ecology. Students from a sustainable-agriculture group called Farm Club maintain an organic fruit and vegetable garden near Carleton's Farmhouse, which is focused on sustainable living.

Catawba College

(Salisbury, North Carolina; www.catawba.edu)

Undergraduates: 1,291 **Tuition:** \$22,290
Room & board: \$7,700

Catawba students implemented a waste-reduction plan at the Center for the Environment, a building that features rainwater storage, drip irrigation, sustainably grown wood and recycled construction materials. With two new majors in Sustainable Business and Community

Development, the college also offers degrees in Environmental Science and Environmental Studies.

Cedar Valley College

(Lancaster, Texas; www.cedarvalleycollege.edu)

Undergraduates: 4,000 **Tuition:** \$936 for 24 credit hours

To cut back on water consumption, Cedar Valley utilizes its man-made lake for 80% of campus irrigation. The college offers a degree in Green Rating and also features courses in Sustainable Development, Green Home Economics, and Smart and Sustainable City Growth.

Colby College

(Waterville, Maine; www.colby.edu)

Undergraduates: 1,865 **Tuition:** \$48,520
 (including room & board)

Colby runs its entire campus on renewable sources (biomass and hydropower), and conserves water through the use of geothermal wells. In addition, the dining halls serve sustainable seafood, seasonal eats and an array of locally grown goods.

College of the Atlantic

(Bar Harbor, Maine; www.coa.edu)

Undergraduates: 300 **Tuition:** \$31,467
Room & board: \$8,490

Human Ecology is the only major at this fully carbon-neutral school. The college's dorms feature radiant floor heating (generated by renewable wood pellets), composting toilets, metered showers, recycled furniture and carpeting made from recycled materials.

Cornell University

(Ithaca, New York; www.cornell.edu)

Undergraduates: 13,562 **Tuition:** \$34,781
Room & board: \$11,190

By 2010, Cornell will have exceeded its emissions-slashing goals (set in 2001 in accordance with the Kyoto Protocol). The school also



LEFT: A student at the College of the Atlantic changes one of the campus's lights to a CFL bulb. PHOTO BY TOBY HOLLIS



RIGHT: The new Kathryn W. Davis Student Residence Village at the College of the Atlantic burns wood pellets and receives its electricity via low-flow hydropower. The heat resources used to house 50 students in six separate buildings will be equivalent to that of one family home.

manages 4,000 acres of botanical gardens, an arboretum and other natural areas used for research, education and recreation.

Dickinson College

(Carlisle, Pennsylvania; www.dickinson.edu)

Undergraduates: 2,300 **Tuition:** \$37,900
Room & board: \$9,600

This 50% wind-powered campus features a biodiesel plant, four LEED-certified buildings and a transitional organic farm. Courses include Global Climate Change, Environmental Disruption & Policy Analysis, and Environmental Economics.

Duke University

(Durham, North Carolina; www.duke.edu)

Undergraduates: 6,247 **Tuition:** \$35,512
Room & board: \$9,579

As of June 2008, 20 Duke buildings have either received LEED certification or are in the process of being certified. The school's newest

certified building is a platinum-rated, 6,000-square-foot laboratory and home for 10 undergraduate students experimenting with creating more sustainable living spaces.

Eastern Connecticut State University

(Willimantic, Connecticut; www.easternct.edu)

Undergraduates: 4,898 **Tuition:** \$14,446 (out of state)
Room & board: \$8,337 \$6,961 (in state)

In 2001 this university—the site of the state's largest geothermal-heated and -cooled building—established its Institute for Sustainable Energy to explore matters such as energy policy, efficiency conservation, renewable energy and protection of environmental resources.

Elon University

(Elon, North Carolina; www.elon.edu)

Undergraduates: 4,939 **Tuition:** \$24,076
Room & board: \$7,770

Along with aiming to reduce its energy consumption by 50% over



The Park Center for Business and Sustainable Enterprises at Ithaca College is a certified LEED Platinum facility. PHOTO BY ADAM BAKER



Lane Community College's organic garden gives students a hands-on learning opportunity. Produce from the garden is sold to the campus kitchens.

the coming years, Elon irrigates its campus with reclaimed stormwater, hosts intra-dorm energy competitions and offers courses such as Green Design: Envisioning a Sustainable Future.

Emory University

(Atlanta, Georgia; www.emory.edu)
Undergraduates: 6,646 **Tuition:** \$34,336
Room & board: \$10,220

Another school listed on the Princeton Review's 2009 "Green Rating Honor Roll," Emory has introduced a Sustainable Food Initiative that involves developing five on-campus educational food gardens and working toward procuring 75% of ingredients from local or sustainable sources by 2015.

The Evergreen State College

(Olympia, Washington; www.evergreen.edu)
Undergraduates: 4,124 **Tuition:** \$15,402 (out of state)
Room & board: \$7,842 \$5,067 (in state)

Committed to becoming carbon-neutral by 2020, Evergreen recently equipped its library with solar panels and launched an energy-saving plan designed to cut 500 tons of carbon emissions from the college. With 42% of campus food purchased from local and organic sources, the college also runs a 36-year-old organic farm that supplies food to the cafeteria, as well as a Community Supported Agriculture program.

Foothill-De Anza Community College District

(including Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Stanford, Sunnyvale and portions of San Jose, California; www.fhda.edu)
 This district has recently implemented green features resulting in a 17% reduction in natural gas usage. What's more, the Cupertino campus' Kirsch Center for Environmental Studies features a solar-

paneled roof, native-species landscaping and radiant heating and cooling. Last year the building won the Livable Buildings Award.

Frostburg State University

(Frostburg, Maryland; www.frostburg.edu)
Undergraduates: 4,335 **Tuition:** \$15,106 (out of state)
Room & board: \$7,818 \$5,000 (in state)

Frostburg, which hopes to soon fulfill at least 15% of its electricity needs from renewable sources, established a wind and solar energy system in the summer of 2007. About 10% of on-campus food is organic, and undergraduate degrees include Environmental Analysis and Planning and Ethnobotany (the only degree of its kind in the continental U.S., with an emphasis on integrating science and culture to increase understanding of human reliance on plants and the environment).

Furman University

(Greenville, South Carolina; www.furman.edu)
Undergraduates: 2,759 **Tuition:** \$31,560
Room & board: \$8,064

All Furman undergrads are required to take a course entitled Humans and the Natural Environment, designed to build their awareness that humans "remain dependent on the environment for resources and irreplaceable ecosystem services," according to the university. At the annual Let's Get Trashed event, assorted trash from residence halls is dumped in front of the library so students can spend a two-day period sorting and displaying the recyclable discarded goods.

Goucher College

(Baltimore, Maryland; www.goucher.edu)
Undergraduates: 1,472 **Tuition:** \$32,168
Room & board: \$8,958-\$10,758

One-quarter of Goucher's campus is powered by green electricity.

The school also runs a Farm to Fork program that purchases seasonal, regional and organic produce from local farmers and artisan producers within a 150-mile radius. In addition, the Campus Agriculture Co-op works to raise awareness of sustainable agriculture through an ongoing composting and gardening project.

Green Mountain College

(Poultney, Vermont; www.greenmtn.edu)
Undergraduates: 729 **Tuition:** \$24,565
Room & board: \$8,982

Along with its small-scale wind turbine, the Green Mountain campus features a two-acre organic garden and a solar- and wind-powered greenhouse. Thirteen percent of its food is produced locally, and that number is set to grow 5% per year.

Grinnell College

(Grinnell, Iowa; www.grinnell.edu)
Undergraduates: 1,521 **Tuition:** \$35,428
Room & board: \$8,272

Grinnel is now in the process of installing a wind turbine that will meet about half of the campus's energy demands. The school also recently set aside one college-owned house to demonstrate green technologies for the campus and neighboring communities.

Guilford College

(Greensboro, North Carolina; www.guilford.edu)
Undergraduates: 2,688 **Tuition:** \$13,050
Room & board: \$3,570

Guilford's student-run Environmental House features systems for greywater, composting and rainwater collection, as well as communal meals. The building's carbon emissions are even offset by green-energy credits. Students also manage an organic-produce provider known as the Veggie Co-op, and the dining halls serve 30% local

(and 10% organic) foods.

Harford Community College

(Bel Air, Maryland; www.harford.com)
Undergraduates: 7,800 credit students, 16,000 non-credit students
Tuition: \$77 per credit

Offering degrees in Environmental Science and Environmental Technology—as well as eco-focused courses based in Denmark, Germany and Costa Rica—Hartford Community College boasts three green roofs and a rainwater collection system, as well as a number of bioretention ponds and rain gardens.

Harvard University

(Cambridge, Massachusetts; www.harvard.edu)
Undergraduates: 6,715 **Tuition:** \$34,998
Room & board: \$10,622

After launching its Green Campus Initiative in 2000, Harvard has employed renewable energy sources such as biomass, geothermal and solar power in an effort to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions to 11% below 1990 levels within the next 12 years. All dorms in Harvard Yard are now switching to green cleaning products, and the Environmental Action Committee leads students in local and national "environmental justice activism."

Ithaca College

(Ithaca, New York; www.ithaca.edu)
Undergraduates: 6,196 **Tuition:** \$30,606
Room & board: \$11,162

Green highlights from Ithaca's diverse course catalog include Eco-tourism and Natural Resource Management, History of American Environmental Thought, and Environmental Anthropology. Beyond the classroom, students regularly go out in the community to conduct research for organizations hoping to increase their sustainabil-

ity. The college is also committed to purchasing green power to offset its School of Business.

Lane Community College

(Eugene, Oregon; www.lanecc.edu)

Undergraduates: 11,181

Tuition: \$3,020

Lane curbs its toxic chemical use through features such as eco-friendly art studios and integrated pest management systems, while an organic garden and biodiesel processor provide hands-on learning opportunities for students. Degrees include Renewable Energy Technician and Water Conservation Technician.

Loyola University Chicago

(Chicago, Illinois; www.luc.edu)

Undergraduates: 9,950 **Tuition:** \$27,200

Room & board: \$6,330 to \$11,150

This fall, Loyola will launch its Green Living and Learning Experience, in which a dedicated residence-hall floor will engage in sustainability-focused learning activities throughout the school year. The campus also features a solar-heated pool and partially solar-powered library.

Luther College

(Decorah, Indiana; www.luther.edu)

Undergraduates: 2,500 **Tuition:** \$30,920

Room & board: \$5,040

Luther students participate in month-long energy-saving contests and, at the end of each year, turn in their unwanted, reusable items to be sold flea-market style on campus. In an attempt to cut its carbon emissions in half by 2012, the college relies on geothermal heating for an arts building and a residence complex.

Lynchburg College

(Lynchburg, Virginia; www.lyncburg.edu)

Undergraduates: 2,100 **Tuition:** \$27,160

Room & board: \$7,475

As part of its commitment to plant two trees for every tree removed

from campus due to old age or construction projects, Lynchburg anticipates planting more than 100 trees in the 2008/2009 academic year. The campus's Nature Study Center uses geothermal energy, and the dining services department purchases its greens from a local community-sponsored agriculture group.

Macalester College

(St. Paul, Minnesota; www.macalester.edu)

Undergraduates: 1,900

Tuition: \$36,504

Room & board: \$8,472

In 2008, Macalester's Environmental Studies senior seminar completed the college's first greenhouse-gas emissions inventory. The school implemented water-efficiency projects in two off-campus houses—one of which has reduced water usage by 75%—and installed one urban wind turbine and one solar hot-water heater. Meanwhile, a student group called Macalester Urban Land and Community Health maintains an urban garden and sells produce to the campus cafeteria.

Massachusetts College of Art and Design

(Boston, Massachusetts; www.massart.edu)

Undergraduates: 1,597 **Tuition:** \$7,900 (MA residents)

Room & board: \$11,200 \$14,000 (New England residents)

\$23,000 (non-residents)

MassArt is currently constructing three LEED-certified buildings. The school also uses biofuel to run its boilers (which has reduced fuel consumption by 12%) and is now piloting a green-roof project based on recycled materials.

Mercyhurst College

(Erie, Pennsylvania; www.mercyhurst.edu)

Undergraduates: 3,000

Tuition: \$21,876

Room & board: \$7,100

One-third of Mercyhurst's campus is run on wind energy, and the college plans to incrementally increase its purchase and installation of wind, solar and geothermal power over the next 15 years. Mercyhurst stopped using bottled water last school year, and now aims to recycle 75% of its waste by 2015.



Northern Arizona University's Applied Research and Development Building received status as a LEED-certified Platinum building. It features a solar PV array, recycled denim insulation and a pervious concrete parking lot.

Michigan State University

(East Lansing, Michigan; www.msu.edu)

Undergraduates: 35,821

Tuition: \$22,450 (out of state)

Room & board: \$6,094

\$9,862 (in state)

Winner of a 2007 Campus Sustainability Leadership award from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, MSU boasts the lowest electrical consumption per square foot among Big Ten universities. Its number of sustainability-related courses has grown fivefold since 2000, and its newly launched Green Textbook Initiative aims to reduce paper consumption on campus.

Middlebury College

(Middlebury, Vermont; www.middlebury.edu)

Undergraduates: 2,475

Tuition + room & board: \$49,210

Middlebury, which plans to go fully carbon-neutral by 2016, houses the nation's first carbon-neutral ski area. The school also has a student-run organic garden that provides food to the dining halls, and the oldest undergrad Environmental Studies program in the U.S.

Mills College

(Oakland, California; www.mills.edu)

Undergraduates: 948

Tuition: \$34,170

Room & board: \$11,270

Awarded first place in RecycleMania 2008 (a national competition in which colleges and universities try to collect the most recyclables over a 10-week period), Mills was recently recognized by the city of Oakland for its 60% reduction in waste. Its dorms have composting programs, and newly constructed apartments feature sustainably made carpets, tiles and furniture.

Montclair State University

(Montclair, New Jersey; www.montclair.edu)

Undergraduates: 13,500

Tuition: \$9,154 (out of state)

Room & board: \$2,400–\$3,800

\$5,043 (in state)

The first U.S. school to sign a comprehensive green construction



Students at Mercyhurst College help install solar panels on the campus.



Students participate in a team-building activity at Montclair State's School of Conservation in Stokes Forest, located in Sussex County, New Jersey.

and operation agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Montclair is now integrating solar and steam energy, green building technology, and water and land conservation into all facility operations.

Mount Wachusett Community College

(Gardner, Massachusetts; www.mwcc.edu)

Undergraduates: 3,937

Tuition: \$10,380 (out of state)

\$4,230 (in state)

A winner in the National Wildlife Federation's 2007 Campus Ecology Chill Out contest, Mount Wachusett has converted its campus to a heating system run on locally available biofuels, plus reduced its greenhouse-gas emissions. Its sustainability-focused curriculum includes classes on renewable energy sources and conservation methods.



A wind turbine sits in front of Northern Arizona University's LEED Gold Engineering building.

Through the Engineers for a Sustainable World program, Northwestern students are working to use vegetable oil to fuel campus shuttles.

Napa Valley College

(Napa, California; www.napavalley.edu)

Undergraduates: 6,000 **Tuition:** \$20 per credit unit

A member of the Environmental Education Coalition of Napa County, this partially solar-powered college offers a certificate in Environmental Sciences and uses reclaimed water for landscaping.

Northern Arizona University

(Flagstaff, Arizona; www.nau.edu)

Undergraduates: 15,569 **Tuition:** \$16,243 (out of state)

Room & board: \$6,572 \$5,145 (in state)

Committed to going carbon-neutral by 2020, NAU is home to a LEED Platinum building that's 20% powered by solar panels. As part of NAU's efforts to "advocate for sustainable interaction with local ecology," an organization called Students for Sustainable Living and Urban Gardening maintains an edible landscape garden on campus.

Northwestern University

(Evanston, Illinois; www.northwestern.edu)

Undergraduates: 8,153 **Tuition:** \$35,229

Room & board: \$10,776

Through the Engineers for a Sustainable World program, Northwestern students are working to use vegetable oil to fuel campus shuttles, educate local sixth-graders on sustainability, and provide energy to a remote village in Panama as well as a newly opened health center in Ghana. The campus is 20% powered by renewable energy sources.

Oberlin College

(Oberlin, Ohio; www.oberlin.edu)

Undergraduates: 2,800 **Tuition:** \$38,012

Room & board: \$9,870

Along with agreeing to purchase about 40% of its electricity from green sources, Oberlin partnered with the city council to set up a re-

serve fund to help benefit local energy conservation and greenhouse-gas-reducing projects. On the campus, energy-saving strategies introduced in 2005 have resulted in a 56% drop in energy use for certain dorms, and the school has offset more than 35,000 tons of its carbon dioxide emissions over the past four years.

Pepperdine University

(Malibu, California; www.pepperdine.edu)

Undergraduates: 2,884 **Tuition:** \$36,650

Room & board: \$10,480

With renewable resources accounting for 17% of its energy consumption, Pepperdine's seaside campus preserves more than 500 acres for open space and maintains native vegetation to reduce air pollution, minimize erosion and improve water quality.

Portland State University

(Portland, Oregon; www.pdx.edu)

Undergraduates: 17,998 **Tuition:** \$17,920 (out of state)

Room & board: \$7,050 \$5,730 (in state)

By adopting land-management practices that protect the habitats of native salmon, Portland State became the country's first school to be certified "salmon-safe." The school's ongoing sustainability-fostering projects include a transition to purchasing 100% post-consumer-waste paper, the construction of a LEED Silver student and community recreation center, and the development of an energy-management plan that will allow the school to be 100% green-powered by 2010.

Salem State College

(Salem, Massachusetts; www.salemstate.edu)

Undergraduates: 7,600 **Tuition:** \$6,470

Room & board: \$8,400

Working toward reducing its carbon emissions by one-quarter before 2012, Salem State—the first school in the Massachusetts state college system to hire a full-time sustainability manager—recently commissioned studies for the construction of utility-grade wind turbines at two of its five campuses.

Santa Clara University

(Santa Clara, California; www.scu.edu)

Undergraduates: 5,271 **Tuition:** \$34,950

Room & board: \$11,067

Through a peer-led workshop called the Penstemon Project, Santa Clara faculty members learn how to integrate sustainability into new or already-existing curriculum in fields such as biology, math, English and business. An entire dorm is dedicated to the exploration of sustainability and the arts, and the university boasts the 25th-largest solar array among higher-education institutions in the U.S.

Seattle University

(Seattle, Washington; www.seattleu.com)

Undergraduates: 4,253 **Tuition:** \$28,260

Room & board: \$7,545-\$9,030

In 2005, Seattle University's Mechanical Engineering seniors installed a solar array that provides electricity to the campus student center. In the dining halls—where 30% of produce is locally sourced—students

get a discount on fair-trade, organic coffee when they bring their own mugs. Maintained pesticide-free for 22 years, the campus also upholds an anti-sweatshop policy for all vendors and manufacturers that supply apparel bearing the university's name or logos.

St. Lawrence University

(Canton, New York; www.stlawu.edu)

Undergraduates: 2,198 **Tuition:** \$35,600

Room & board: \$9,060

St. Lawrence—which has ceased mowing 20 acres of its campus and purchases 15% of its electricity as renewable-energy credits—runs a program that allows students to check out bikes from the library in the same way they check out books. The dining department grows its own organic herbs, sends its waste oil to be used in the university's central boilers and buys 10% of its food through a local farm cooperative (where many students work as volunteers).

St. Olaf College

(Northfield, Minnesota; www.stolaf.edu)

Undergraduates: 3,040 **Tuition:** \$34,300

Room & board: \$7,900

St. Olaf has undertaken land-restoration projects on 700-plus acres previously used for conventional agriculture, returning half of those acres to conditions at the time of local settlement and placing the remainder in no-till farming to minimize impact. About a third of campus electricity is self-generated by a wind turbine, and the school composts all of its food waste.

Syracuse University

(Syracuse University; www.syr.edu)

Undergraduates: 12,491 **Tuition + room & board:** \$30,470

Committed to purchasing 20% of its electricity from renewable energy certificates since 2005, SU also recently completed a comprehensive carbon inventory and is now working on a master plan to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions to net zero. At the end of each school year, students donate their reusable furniture, household items and clothing to charity.

Tufts University

(Medford, Massachusetts; www.tufts.edu)

Undergraduates: 4,977 **Tuition:** \$37,952

Room & board: \$10,518

Boasting the world's third-highest-rated LEED Platinum building, Tufts also features a LEED Gold dorm with solar arrays, 10% recycled/renewable materials, stormwater management and improved air quality.

University of California

(Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz; www.universityofcalifornia.edu)

All signatories to the ACUPCC, the University of California's 10 campuses are home to eco-centric innovations such as the country's premier all-organic school salad bar (at Berkeley), one of the first interdisciplinary undergraduate Environmental Studies programs in

the U.S. (at Santa Barbara), and a Green Campus Program through which student interns help integrate energy education into the curricula (at Merced).

University of Colorado—Colorado Springs

(www.uccs.edu)

Undergraduates: 6,242 **Tuition:** \$262 per credit (resident);
\$765 per credit (non-resident)

Room & board: \$7,200 (resident); \$9,000 (non-resident)

University of Colorado—Boulder

(www.colorado.edu)

Undergraduates: 26,165 **Tuition:** \$22,989 (out of state)

Room & board: \$8,300 \$5,643 (in state)

UCCS developed a minor in Sustainable Development in 2006, while CU-Boulder's green efforts include a program allowing students to offset their electricity use by purchasing wind-power certificates for pennies a day.

University of Florida

(Gainesville, Florida; www.ufl.edu)

Undergraduates: 35,110 **Tuition:** \$17,841 (out of state)

Room & board: \$7,020 \$3,256 (in state)

UF boasts 17 LEED-certified buildings and has pledged to go zero-waste by 2015. The school offers sustainability-related courses such as Environmental Technology, Principles of Sustainable Construction, Environmental Science and Humanity, and Ecological Engineering.

University of Michigan

(Ann Arbor, Michigan; www.umich.edu)

Undergraduates: 25,555 **Tuition:** \$30,154 (out of state)
\$10,341 (in state)

Eight schools and colleges at the University of Michigan—home to the nation's largest football-stadium recycling program—address sustainability challenges by integrating environmentally themed studies into their core curricula. Those studies include the psychology of environmental protection, the impact of the environment on human health, and the role of government in achieving environmental sustainability.

University of New Hampshire

(Durham, New Hampshire; www.unh.edu)

Undergraduates: 11,622 **Tuition:** \$9,420 (resident)

Room & board: \$8,596 \$22,900 (non-resident)

Home to the country's first endowed sustainability program in higher education, UNH features an organic dairy research farm, an Eco-Gastronomy program and an annual campus dinner comprised of gourmet local foods.

University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill

(www.unc.edu)

Undergraduates: 17,124 **Tuition:** \$20,988 (out of state)

Room & board: \$7,696 \$5,340 (in state)

Last year, UNC Chapel Hill's Institute approved a minor in Sustainability, through which students can explore topics such as environmental science and public policy. The university is home to a Center for Sustainable Enterprise that provides education, research and outreach opportunities to undergraduate business and MBA students. It also plans to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by 60% by 2050.

University of Oregon

(Eugene, Oregon; www.uoregon.edu)

Undergraduates: 16,681 **Tuition:** \$6,531 (resident)

Room & board: \$8,235 \$19,941 (non-resident)

UO's Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program offers the world's first environmental law clinic, as well as the first academic curriculum in environmental law. The school, which gets 22% of its energy from carbon-neutral sources, also has nine LEED Gold buildings either in planning or already constructed.



The University of Oregon's Lillis Business Complex is a LEED-certified building.

Washington and Lee manages a campus garden that provides food for the university cafeterias and for the disadvantaged.



The University of Oregon's White Stag Block is up for LEED Gold certification. The facility harvests storm water from the building, treats it on site, uses greywater in its , and features low-flow fixtures; the entire system reduces city-supplied-water use in the building by 86%.

University of South Carolina at Columbia

(www.sc.edu)

Undergraduates: 18,648 **Tuition:** \$21,632 (out of state)

Room & board: \$6,946 \$8,346 (in state)

Opened in fall 2004, the University of South Carolina's West Quadrangle is a 500-bed, LEED-certified "Living-Learning Community" that integrates sustainable technology and research opportunities in areas such as alternative energy and eco-conscious building design. In addition, the school's Center for Fuel Cell Research is one of the nation's leaders in developing alternatives to petroleum.

University of Vermont

(Burlington, Vermont; www.uvm.edu)

Undergraduates: 9,454 **Tuition:** \$27,886 (out of state)

Room & board: \$10,330 \$11,048 (in state)

Featuring a LEED Gold dorm that houses 800 students, the university runs an "Eco-reps" program that employs peer-to-peer education to spread sustainability on campus. A student-run, community-supported agriculture program donates locally, while academic programs in Environmental Sciences use the community as a hands-on learning laboratory.

University of Washington

(Seattle, Washington; www.washington.edu)

Undergraduates: 25,469 **Tuition:** \$6,385 (resident)

Room & board: \$8,337 \$22,131 (non-resident)

At this partially solar-powered school, students can major in Environmental Health, Environmental Studies or Environmental Engineering; join in the annual Environmental Career Fair; and participate in the Program on the Environment's year-long capstone experience (usually centered around a project-based internship with a community partner).

Warren Wilson College

(Asheville, North Carolina; www.warren-wilson.edu)

Undergraduates: 850 **Tuition:** \$22,666

Room & board: \$7,116

Some of the dorms at Warren Wilson are equipped with solar-heated water, rainwater-harvesting systems and native landscaping. Students may be awarded a B.A. or a B.S. in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Conservation Biology, Environmental Chemistry, Environmental Education, Environmental Policy, Sustainable Forestry or Sustainable Agriculture. The campus uses only Green Seal-certified cleaning products and offsets 100% of its electricity usage through renewable energy purchases.

Washington and Lee University

(Lexington, Virginia; www.wlu.edu)

Undergraduates: 1,777 **Tuition:** \$36,525

Room & board: \$8,060–\$10,755

Set to launch an energy-conservation educational campaign this fall, Washington and Lee manages a campus garden that provides food for the university cafeterias and for the disadvantaged. The school offers a major in Environmental Studies and also runs a loaner bike program, local water campaign and composting system.

Washington University in St. Louis

(St. Louis, Missouri; www.wustl.edu)

Undergraduates: 6,000 **Tuition:** \$35,524

Room & board: \$11,252

This university's 10 green student groups include the Environmental Social Work Initiative, Students for Fair Trade and the Burning Kumquat Student Farm. Along with its Environmental Health Studies program, the school offers courses such as Dynamics of Air Pollution, Sustainable Air Quality, and Pollution Abatement and Waste Minimization.

Westminster College

(Salt Lake City, Utah; www.westminstercollege.edu)

Undergraduates: 2,000 Tuition: \$23,790

Room & board: \$7,440

Westminster is launching a Living Green program in its residence halls this fall. The school also purchases 11% of campus electricity from renewable sources, offers an Environmental Studies major and minor, and runs a free bike checkout program.

Willamette University

(Salem, Oregon; www.willamette.edu)

Undergraduates: 2,350 Tuition: \$29,850

Room & board: \$7,250

Willamette's Center for Sustainable Communities sponsors workshops and facilitates the development of sustainability-related curricula (including a Sustainability Law certificate and Sustainable MBA track), while its food service department purchases 35% of goods from local, organic farms. The university is committed to constructing all new campus buildings to LEED Silver (or higher) standards, and is working toward cutting energy consumption in half by 2020.

Yale University

(New Haven, Connecticut; www.yale.edu)

Undergraduates: 5,333 Tuition: \$34,530

Room & board: \$10,470

Following recommendations made by its Energy Task Force—a university-wide committee with staff, faculty and student representation—Yale is using energy conservation, alternative energy and renewable-energy credits to meet its goal of reducing greenhouse-gas emissions by 10% below its 1990 levels in the next 12 years. The university also publishes an online magazine called Yale Environment 360, which offers analysis, reporting and debate on global environmental issues.

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Warren Wilson students successfully petitioned the school to purchase 100% renewable energy credits.



Warren Wilson students have landscaped the EcoDorm with edible plants.

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