Fifty schools that will help your kids help the planet.

By Elizabeth Barker
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-trains 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).

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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, 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.

Binghamton University  
(Binghamton, New York; www.binghamton.edu)  
Undergraduates: 11,523  
Tuition: $12,258 (out of state)  
Room & board: $8,987 (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.

Berea College  
(Berea, Kentucky; www.berea.edu)  
Undergraduates: 1,550  
Tuition: $0 (low-income students only)  
Room & board: $10,380  
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.

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(Brunswick, Maine; www.bowdoin.edu)  
Undergraduates: 1,729  
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California State Polytechnic University  
(Pomona, California; www.csupomona.edu)  
Undergraduates: 19,569  
Tuition: $3,564  
Room & board: $9,310  
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.

GRABER JENSEN/ BATES COLLEGE  
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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

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CLEAN SWEEP, BATES COLLEGE’S "GARAGE SALE" OF ELECTRONICS, TOYS, FURNISHINGS AND OTHER GOODS TAKES PLACE EVERY YEAR. PHOTO COURTESY OF PHYLLIS GRABER JENSEN/ BATES COLLEGE

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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
CxCCC 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: 1,866 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: $960 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: 900 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 manages 4,099 acres of botanical gardens, an arboretum and other natural areas used for research, education and recreation.

Dickinson College
(Carlsbad, 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: 13,562 Tuition: $6,961 (in state) $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 58% over
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: 4,984 Tuition: $40,210
Room & board: $11,020
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
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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.org)
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
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: $10,622
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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
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
(Plattsburgh, 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: $9,272
Grinnell 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: $8,570
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—Harford 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: $70,622
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: $71,162
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-
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
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.

**Loyola University Chicago**
(Chicago, Illinois; www.luc.edu)
Undergraduates: 9,950
Tuition: $27,200
Room & board: $7,475
Undergraduates: 2,100
Tuition: $3,020
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.lynchburg.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
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.

**Michigan State University**
(East Lansing, Michigan; www.msu.edu)
Undergraduates: 35,821
Tuition: $22,450 (out of state)
Room & board: $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: $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: $3,800–$4,800
(Financial aid is available.)
The first U.S. school to sign a comprehensive green construction 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)
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A winner in the National Wildlife Federation’s 2007 Campus Ecol- ogy Challenge 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 curricu- lum includes classes on renewable energy sources and conservation methods.

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.

Students participate in a team-building activity at Montclair State’s School of Conservation in Stokes Forest, located in Sussex County, New Jersey.
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: 17,998 Tuition: $5,145 (in state)
With its new LEED Gold Engineering building, Northern Arizona University is one of the 25th-largest LEED Gold engineering buildings in the U.S. The building is designed to be net-zero energy and utilizes solar panels on the roof to generate electricity for the building.

Northwestern University
(Evanston, Illinois; www.northwestern.edu)
Undergraduates: 12,198 Tuition: $35,600
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Pepperdine University
(Malibu, California; www.pepperdine.edu)
Undergraduates: 2,884 Tuition: $36,650
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Portland State University
(Portland, Oregon; www.pdx.edu)
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Salem State College
(Salem, Massachusetts; www.salemstate.edu)
Undergraduates: 7,600 Tuition: $6,470
Salem State University—the first school in the Massachusetts state college system to hire a full-time sustainability manager—recently completed studies for the construction of utility-grade wind turbines at two of its five campuses.

Santa Clara University
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(Flagstaff, Arizona; www.nau.edu)
Undergraduates: 17,998 Tuition: $5,145 (in state)
Northern Arizona University is home to a LEED Gold Engineering building. The university also has a LEED Platinum dormitory that serves as a model for sustainable living.

Northwestern University
(Evanston, Illinois; www.northwestern.edu)
Undergraduates: 12,198 Tuition: $35,600
Boasting the world’s third-highest-rated LEED Platinum building, Tufts also features a LEED Gold dorm with solar arrays, 10% recyclable/renewable materials, stormwater management and improved air quality.
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

Tuition: $202 per credit (resident); $760 per credit (non-resident)

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

UCS 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

Tuition: $10,483 (resident); $22,986 (out of state)

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

Undergraduates: 35,110

The school offers sustainability-related courses such as Environmental Technology, Principles of Sustainable Construction, Environmental Science and Humanity, and Ecological Engineering.

University of Georgia

Tuition: $17,841 (out of state)

Room & board: $7,000 (resident); $3,256 (in state)

Undergraduates: 25,469

Eight schools and colleges at the University of Michigan—home to the university’s first endowed sustainability program in higher education, UNH features an organic dairy research farm, an Ecogastronomy program and an annual campus dinner comprised of gourmet local foods.

University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill

Tuition: $20,988 (out of state)

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

Undergraduates: 17,124

At 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

Tuition: $8,337 (in state)

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

Undergraduates: 16,681

University of South Carolina at Columbia

Tuition: $21,632 (out of state)

Room & board: $8,142 (in state)

Undergraduates: 18,648

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

Tuition: $27,886 (out of state)

Room & board: $10,130 (in state); $11,048 (in state)

Undergraduates: 9,454

Featuring a LEED Gold dorm that houses 80 students, the university runs an “Eco-regs” 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

Tuition: $6,385 (in state)

Room & board: $8,060–$10,755

Undergraduates: 26,165

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

Tuition: $36,525

Room & board: $9,060–$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 garden and composting system.

Washington University in St. Louis

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.

The University of Oregon’s White Stag Block is up for LEED Gold certification. The facility harvests storm water from the building, treats in on site, uses greywater in its , and features low-flow fixtures; the entire system reduces city-supplied water use in the building by 86%.
Westminster College  
(Salt Lake City, Utah; www.westminstercollege.edu)  
Undergraduates: 2,000  
Tuition: $25,790  
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: $7,260  
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: $34,580  
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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