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UC Santa Cruz

8/25/2011: UCSC sustainability leadership profiled in *Inside Bay Area*

"When the University of Hawaii West Oahu was looking for another university to offer guidance in sustainable practices for its brand new campus, it turned to UC Santa Cruz.

When Taiwan hosted a workshop for its Green University Program a delegation from UCSC was one of the first to be invited. The fact that UCSC was chosen for these collaborations is a testament to UCSC's evolution into one of the leaders in campus sustainability efforts. That status was only reinforced earlier this month when the Sierra Club ranked UCSC seventh on its annual list of 'the nations most planet-minded universities' in the latest edition of Sierra Magazine."

http://www.insidebayarea.com/news/ci_18755525

8/17/2011: Sierra magazine ranks four UC campuses among the Top 10 Greenest Colleges in America

Four UC campuses are among Sierra magazine's [Top 10 Greenest Colleges in America](#) for 2011, highlighting the University of California's commitment to [sustainability](#). [UC San Diego](#) was third, [UC Irvine](#) sixth, [UC Santa Cruz](#) seventh and [UC Davis](#) eighth on Sierra Magazine's fifth annual rankings. Also making the list were UCLA at No. 15 and UC Santa Barbara at No. 72. UC San Diego jumped to third from 15th in last year's rankings by Sierra magazine, the flagship publication of the Sierra Club, one of the nation's most influential environmental organizations. The campus was recognized for environmental practices, green initiatives and its caliber of sustainability-oriented education. "Being green is part of our institutional DNA," said UC San Diego Chancellor Marye Anne Fox. "This ranking reflects the commitment, planning and hard work of our students, faculty and staff to implement sustainable solutions which will create a better future for us all."

See the [full Sierra rankings](#).

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/26131>

UCSD release: http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/newsrel/general/2011_08ucranks.asp

UCSC release: <http://news.ucsc.edu/2011/08/sierra-club-cool-schools-UCSC-recognition.html>

Business Week article:

http://www.businessweek.com/bschools/blogs/mba_admissions/archives/2011/08/the_sierra_club_ranks_cooler_schools.html

8/2/2011: Procurement and Business Contracts Department earns first Green Office Certification at UCSC

The 17-person procurement department at UC Santa Cruz, located on Delaware Avenue, has undergone what some might describe as a radical energy diet in the past year.

They've eliminated all filing cabinets, cut paper use by 90 percent, converted to a mostly electronic filing system, increased recycling to the point that putting a single plastic bag in the bin is forbidden, unsubscribed to as many catalogs as possible and changed to energy-efficient computers. What little paper is used is made of 100 percent post-consumer waste. They also turn off their computers before leaving at night...Those efforts have earned UCSC's Procurement and Business Contracts Department the campus' first Green Office Certification award, a milestone that officials with the university's Sustainability Office hope other departments will achieve.

http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/localnews/ci_18598930

7/19/2011: UCSC's Tim Galarneau receives 2011 UC Sustainability Champion Award

Tim Galarneau, UCSC's Food Systems working group coordinator, is known for his far-ranging vision and his ability to advance the sustainable foods movement on campus and beyond. Now, Galarneau described in a 2009 *Mother Jones* magazine profile as the Alice Waters of a burgeoning movement of campus foodies, is getting systemwide recognition. Last week, Galarneau received the 2011 UC Sustainability Champion Award at the 10th

annual California Higher Education Sustainability Conference held in Long Beach.

<http://news.ucsc.edu/2011/07/galarneau-champion-of-sustainable-foods.html>

7/18/2011: UCSC/UCOP delegation brings campus greening tips to Taiwan

The green delegation, including UCSC undergraduates Gabi Kirk and Cameron Fields, and UCSC sustainability director Aurora Winslade, traveled 6,449 miles to Taiwan, where they led a two-day workshop on June 29 and 30 for the Taiwan Green University Program...The group of visitors also included a staff member from the University of California Office of the President, and a staff member from New York University. The workshop, held at the National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) in Taipei, drew a healthy response; 158 Taiwanese students, faculty, staff and administrators from universities across Taiwan signed up for the conference. The conference covered topics including energy efficiency, sustainable food systems at UCSC, NYU and the UC system.

<http://news.ucsc.edu/2011/07/UCSC-green-ambassadors-to-Taiwan.html>

5/19/2011: UCSC Students are Benefiting from Funding for Sustainable Food Education

This month marks the one-year anniversary of the passage of Measure 43, the student-funded Sustainable Food, Health, and Wellness Initiative at UC Santa Cruz that has treated thousands of students to a broad menu of ways to learn about food, including hands-on workshops, campus conferences, events, classes, and presentations by well-known food policy activists. Students interest in more programming and opportunities related to gardening, nutrition, and the food system has been growing on campus for the past decade, said Tim Galarneau, of UCSCs Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems (CASFS), who coordinates Measure 43 activities. Last year that interest crystallized in the Measure 43 initiative, which was designed to engage UCSC undergraduates in learning about all aspects of food production and the food system. In May 2010, students turned out in record numbers to support the measure that adds a \$3.75 fee per student each quarter..."The fact that students decided to tax themselves in these difficult economic times so that they could learn more about sustainable food systems is remarkable. It demonstrates how hungry students are for knowledge and experience in food systems and how central sustainability is to UC Santa Cruz, said Patricia Allen, director of CASFS.

<http://news.ucsc.edu/2011/05/measure-43.html>

4/26/2011: UCSC Profiled in Guide to Green Colleges

UC Santa Cruz is piling up so many high-profile sustainability rankings and honors that its easy to lose track of them all. But UCSCs latest recognition, in the Princeton Reviews newly published green colleges guidebook, is more than just another honor. Its also a history of successful green-energy projects on campus. The Princeton Review has given the campus a prominent, detailed and highly complimentary entry in *The Princeton Review's Guide to 311 Green Colleges: 2011 Edition*, which profiles 308 eco-friendly colleges and universities in the United States and three in Canada.

<http://news.ucsc.edu/2011/04/princeton-review-green-campuses.html>

4/25/2011: UCSC Health Center receives sustainable design award from Structural Engineers Association

UC Santa Cruz continues to earn recognition and honors for the newly completed "green" renovation of the Cowell Student Health Center. Previously, the building earned the campus its first "Gold" certification from LEED, a non-profit trade organization that promotes sustainability in the design, construction and daily operation of buildings. That recognition was the end result of a four-year, \$17 million project to expand and seismically retrofit the 42-year-old health center, while making the building more energy efficient and environmentally friendly. Now, the Structural Engineers Association of Northern California has selected the health center for a merit award in the category of sustainable design. The jury of five members included two structural engineers, a structural engineering professor, a general contractor and an architect. They evaluated 27 entries in eight categories.

<http://news.ucsc.edu/2011/04/more-honors-for-health-center.html>

4/25/2011: UCSC Campus Earth Summit in its 10th year

Instead of breaking into separate groups for drill-down topic conversations, this year's Campus Earth Summit participants kept the conversations going within the Colleges Nine and 10 multipurpose room. The result was "everyone had a chance to give input on all 10 topic areas," said Tyler Pitts, a 2010 graduate in environmental studies, who is working as a coordinator with the Student Environmental Center on the Blueprint for a Sustainable

Campus. The all-student organized Earth Summit on April 22, now in its 10th year, brought together students, faculty, staff, and community members to share ideas and strategize on how to transform UCSC into a sustainable campus

<http://news.ucsc.edu/2011/04/campus-earth-summit.html>

4/19/2011: New University of Hawaii campus seeks to emulate UCSC sustainability leadership

The University of Hawaii West Oahu, with a new campus under construction, has a blank slate with which to work and is looking to emulate UC Santa Cruz's strategies for integrating sustainability into planning, curriculum, student learning and operations. As part of UCSC's Earth Week activities, a delegation from West Oahu and the nearby MA'O Farm that has partnered with the university will tour UCSC this week and participate in a panel discussion Thursday on sustainability initiatives. The group, including West Oahu's Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Joe Mobley and several faculty in addition to the representatives from the farm, will tour campus, the Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems and the Program in Community and Agroecology farm, while also attending several Earth Week activities and meeting with UCSC faculty, students and staff. "We were well aware of UCSC's reputation," Mobley said. "Their sustainability plan is one of the best if not the best in the country. In planning our campus we are trying to emulate features of UCSC's plan. We want it to be similarly comprehensive in that it's not just academics but also in how the university operates. We are building a brand new campus so this is an important juncture for us when we can build in a lot of the features now."

http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/rss/ci_17883615

3/21/2011: Student-run carbon fund at UCSC fights waste and encourages green practices

Its one thing to grouse about food waste, water consumption and inefficient energy use on campus. Its another thing to reach into your own pocket, raise a pool of money and help UC Santa Cruz solve the problem. An enterprising group of UCSC students is doing just that with the newly instituted Carbon Fund, founded last spring to diminish the campus carbon footprint with environmentally friendly projects undertaken by staff, faculty and students. So far the group has set aside an impressive \$100,000 for this purpose.

<http://news.ucsc.edu/2011/02/carbon-fund-environmental.html>

2/17/2011: First LEED Gold Building at the UC Santa Cruz -Cowell Student Health Center

The University of California, Santa Cruz - Cowell Student Health Center has been awarded LEED® Gold certification as established by the U.S. Green Building Council. The Cowell Student Health Center represents the first LEED Gold Building at UC Santa Cruz.

"The students of UCSC are passionately committed to sustainability. They worked tirelessly to raise the additional money required through a student ballot measure, and collaborated with the campus project manager and architects to ensure the Cowell Student Health Center would meet LEED Silver requirements. The building has exceeded their expectations by becoming the first LEED Gold building on the campus. The students are thrilled - not only do they have a green building, but they've learned that working with the administration can yield measurable results!" said Aurora Winslade, Sustainability Manager, University of California Santa Cruz Sustainability Office and former UCSC Student Green Building Advocate.

<http://www.hpsarch.com/index.php/news/view/90/>

12/2010: UCSC composting program profiled in national recycling industry magazine

The successful compost program at the University of Santa Cruz was mentioned in a recent edition of "Biocycle," a national publication that focuses on the composting and recycling industries...UC Santa Cruz is now in its third year of ramped-up composting, which now involves all five campus dining hall kitchens. We haul to an offsite facility, which blends and windrows the material, explains Recycling Coordinator Dave Wade. We were initially working with Santa Cruz County but are currently hauling to a facility in Monterey County, run by the Monterey Regional Waste Management District. We are composting pre and postconsumer food scraps and coffee grounds from our dining halls, plus compostable service ware and paper napkins from catered events. The program is a collaboration between Recycling, Grounds Services and Dining Services.

<http://www.jgpress.com/archives/free/002228.html>

11/02/2010: UCSC Dining Commons Awarded LEED for Commercial Interiors Certification

The first annual Sustainability Internship & Resources Fair drew a large and spirited crowd to the Cowell College Courtyard this week, introducing hundreds of students to green internships and jobs...The fair also celebrated the new green-building certification for Cowell Dining Commons in recognition for energy saving, water-use efficiency and green building materials. On Monday afternoon, campus architect Felix Ang, along with Ben Oberhand, a student with the Alliance to Save Energy's Green Campus Program, and Scott Berlin, Director of UCSC Dining, spoke about the new project. Chancellor George Blumenthal presented the LEED [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design] plaque to be hung in the dining hall. Oberhand said that the changes to the building are already producing results. By retrofitting faucets we saved 65 percent of the total water usage, he said.
<http://news.ucsc.edu/2010/11/green-fair.html>

9/27/2010: Student pushes campus to adopt meat-free Mondays

(Santa Cruz Sentinel) Shanna McCord

...The student animal-rights group Banana Slugs for Animals, with help from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, pushed the university to offer only vegetarian dishes at least one day a week. UCSC dining officials responded by agreeing to make one of the five dining halls completely meatless every Monday on a rotating basis.

...UCSC, already widely known for a commitment to sustainability and progressive politics, is No. 4 on PETA's list of vegetarian-friendly universities.

<http://www.sacbee.com/2010/09/27/3059230/student-pushes-campus-to-adopt.html>

See also: http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/ci_16130970

8/16/2010: Eight UC campuses make Sierra Club's green rankings

Eight University of California campuses made Sierra magazine's list of [100 Cool Schools](#), which ranks environmentally friendly polices at universities across the country. Leading the way for UC was [Irvine](#), which placed sixth on the list with a score of 84.4 out a possible 100. Santa Cruz was 11th with score 82, San Diego was 15th with 81.6, Davis was tied for 16th with 81.2, UCLA was 25th with 77.6, Berkeley 32nd with 76.3, Merced 39th with 73.3 and Santa Barbara 44th with 72.2. The Cool Schools survey results will be published in the September/October issue of Sierra, a publication of the Sierra Club.

UC press release: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/23885>

Chronicle of Higher Ed: <http://chronicle.com/blogPost/Sierra-Magazine-Shuffles-the/26247/>

NPR Talk of the Nation: <http://www.sciencefriday.com/program/archives/201008205>

Environmental Leader Daily: <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2010/08/16/sierra-names-green-mountain-college-as-top-school-in-green-college-ranking/>

8/3/2010: Three UC campuses among the 18 on The Princeton Review's 2011 Green Rating Honor Roll

Eighteen U.S. colleges and universities made [The Princeton Review's 2011 Green Rating Honor Roll](#) for maintaining the most sustainable practices, policies and course offerings among all campuses rated for their environmental friendliness, said the company that created the popular "best colleges" guides. The Princeton Review issued its third annual green honor roll along with its green ratings for colleges yesterday. Guides containing school profiles with the green scores go on sale today and next week. This year 703 schools, the most thus far, submitted environmental information that was scored on a scale of 60, the least possible score, to 99, the highest possible score. The schools on the honor roll received scores of 99.

<http://www.greenbiz.com/news/2010/08/03/princeton-review-names-greenest-colleges-us#ixzz0wFeajutV>

See also: <http://www.fastcompany.com/1677738/yale-harvard-west-virginia-university-make-princeton-reviews-list-of-green-colleges>

July, 2010: UCSB, UCSC among "Top 10 Eco-Friendly Colleges and Universities" according to U.S. News

View this short, but nationally significant, profile at:

UCSB: <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/slideshows/10-eco-friendly-college-campuses/6>

UCSC: <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/slideshows/10-eco-friendly-college-campuses/9>

6/29/2010: UC Santa Cruz graduate stays on campus to help campus save energy and money

For many, post-graduation plans include anything from tackling student loans and saddled anxiety to travel plans abroad. Helfrich, however, has continued plans with her alma mater. This summer, she will be working on a project designed to lower energy consumption in campus apartments by using dashboard technology designed by Lucid Technology. Working with a team of campus electricians and UCSC's Information Technology Services (ITS), Helfrich will install wireless energy meters into campus apartments in Kresge, Porter, Cowell, and Stevenson colleges. The energy meters will audit energy consumption in the apartments and translate the amount of energy consumed into tangible terms, such as pounds of coal required to produce the energy. The information will be mounted on display screens in the dining halls, and the colleges will be engaged in a competition to be the most energy efficient.

<http://www.goodtimesantacruz.com/santa-cruz-news/santa-cruz-environmental-news/1398-keeping-cool.html>

4/20/2010: UC Santa Cruz Wins Acterra 2010 Business Environmental Award

UC Santa Cruz has been selected to receive Acterra's 2010 Business Environmental Award in Pollution Prevention/Resource Conservation -- Large Organization for its outstanding sustainability projects and programs. UC Santa Cruz's waste prevention, green transportation, and energy efficiency programs all helped to secure the top spot in its category. Additionally, the judges were impressed by the collaborative nature of sustainability on our campus. UC Santa Cruz prides itself on including students, staff, faculty and administration to green our campus and lead the way worldwide in the sustainability in higher education movement...Our awardees must demonstrate their environmental commitment and achievements through a careful vetting process, states Board President Laura Teksler. In addition to a thorough written application, the top contenders must demonstrate their programs merits firsthand to the judges during a visit to the applicants facilities. By the time they are selected to receive our award, they have truly proven that their programs are setting the bar in corporate environmental leadership.

<http://sustainability.ucsc.edu/node/76#acterra>

2/15/2010: UCSC hosts 200 students from 35 campuses to support activism for "real food"

On February 12-14, over 200 students from 35 campuses gathered in Santa Cruz, California, for the *third annual* Strengthening the Roots: Food and Justice Convergence. The convergence brought together a diverse group of students from aspiring farmers to animal rights activists to campus dining employees who were committed to creating a healthy, just, and sustainable food system. This event empowered high school and college students to actively engage in their campuses and local communities by providing them with leadership skills, successful models and case studies, and a broader network of activists and allies....

<http://realfoodchallenge.org/blog/west-coast-students-strengthen-roots-real-food-movement>

10/27/2009 UCSC vies for vegetarian-friendly title

(Santa Cruz Sentinel) J.M. Brown

SANTA CRUZ - UC Santa Cruz will compete against 31 other campuses nationwide for the title of friendliest school for vegetarian diners, a leading animal rights organization for youth announced Monday.

The deadline for the first round of online voting for Peta2 is Nov. 2. The news that UCSC, which placed fifth in last year's contest, will vie for the top spot again comes on the heels of a new sustainable food initiative launched by the University of California.

<http://tinyurl.com/ye948gx>

8/20/2009: UC Santa Cruz, UC Berkeley, UCLA Rank in Sierra Club's Top 10 "Coolest Schools"

Rankings earn coverage in L.A. Times and campus newspapers:

<http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/default.aspx>

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/greenspace/>

http://www.ucsc.edu/news_events/text.asp?pid=3149

<http://today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/ucla-places-among-top-10-greenest-99867.aspx>

5/16/2009: U California Santa Cruz Building Awarded LEED Silver

The University of California, Santa Cruz's Engineering 2 building has been awarded LEED Silver certification.

The structure, which was completed in 2004, is cleaned with environmentally friendly products, saves 276,000 kW of electricity and 17,000 therms of natural gas annually compared to a similar conventional building, and features trees planted nearby to replace those cut down during construction.

<http://www.ce.ucsc.edu/news/article?ID=1752>

4/2/2009: Op-ed: 'Renewable energy certificates' are a feel-good scam

College students and corporations, including Intel and Cisco, are getting fleeced by green-energy scammers. Today, hundreds of universities and companies enthusiastically purchase billions of credible-sounding "Renewable Energy Certificates" in the belief that their investments are developing alternative energy sources, such as wind and solar power. They are doing no such thing. Instead of unwittingly buying empty bragging rights, these schools and corporate players should pay for real energy projects with measurable impacts, like rooftop solar panels and improvements in energy efficiency. Eager to lighten their carbon footprint, students at my own campus, UC-Santa Cruz, voted in 2006 to increase registration fees to buy enough certificates to offset the entire campus's consumption of electricity made from fossil fuels.

http://www.mercurynews.com/opinion/ci_12049267 (*registration required)

3/20/2009: NASA, UC to Build Green Research Campus

NASA is working with UC Santa Cruz and Foothill-De Anza Community College to build a green research campus in Silicon Valley.

<http://www.sustainablebusiness.com/index.cfm/go/news.display/id/17831>

See also: SantaCruz.com

November 6, 2008: How Green is UCSC, Really?

UC Santa Cruz has always had the reputation of being environmentally avant-garde, bordering on fanatical. The campus started its recycling program in 1989. And thanks to a student initiative last year to purchase exclusively sustainable energy, UCSC is the sixth-largest purchaser of green power of all campuses in the nation. There are handfuls of groups, administrative and student alike, dedicated to the cause... But the idea that the campus is an eco-friendly Mecca may be an overzealous assumption.

<http://www.cityonahillpress.com/article.php?id=1419>

September 25, 2008: UCSC Implements Tray-less Cafeterias

A new trend is slowly taking hold at college campuses nationwide, tray-less cafeterias. And right now, you won't find any trays in the dining halls on the University of California Santa Cruz campus. It's an effort to reduce the amount of dining hall waste, and maybe even reduce the size of a student's waist.

<http://abclocal.go.com/kgostory?section=news/local&id=6413255>

September 2008: *Plenty* Magazine Recognizes UC Santa Cruz as having the "Greenest Cafeterias"

UCSC alumni organized a co-operative of six small farms, which grow 25% of the campus's produce. Students and faculty conduct research on the farms; before each growing season, dining hall chefs and farmers brainstorm menus, so farmers grow what chefs want to cook with. Once a year, the co-op organizes a 100% local organic meal and educates the campus community about sustainable agriculture issues. All the coffee on campus comes from a fair-trade co-operatives in Nicaragua, where UCSC faculty and graduate students conduct research, and undergraduate students can spend a quarter learning Spanish and about sustainable agriculture and business practices.

http://www.plentymag.com/features/2008/09/green_campuses.php

See also: http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_10590484?nclick_check=1

May 5, 2008: UCSC sixth-best college for green power

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reported Monday that UC Santa Cruz is the sixth-largest buyer of renewable energy among college campuses nationwide, an announcement that comes on the heels of the campus' inaugural self-evaluation on sustainability. The campus is the only California college that made the list of 18 using more than 10 million kilowatt hours of renewable energy per year.

http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/ci_9167525

May 2, 2008: *Forbes* Magazine Names UC Santa Cruz one of America's Greenest Colleges

Forbes Magazine recently published an article on "America's Greenest Colleges." According to the article, the 10 greenest campuses are: Carleton College (MN), College of the Atlantic (ME), Dartmouth College (NH), Harvard University (MA), Middlebury College (VT), New York University, University Of California-Santa Cruz, University Of Pennsylvania, University Of Vermont, and University Of Washington. The list is comprised of higher achievers in the Sustainable Endowments Institute's College Sustainability Report Card and the EPA Green Power Partnership's list of the top campus purchasers of renewable energy credits.

http://www.forbes.com/home/2008/05/02/college-harvard-uvn-biz-energy-cx_bw_0502greenu.html

April 25, 2008: UC Santa Cruz Releases Sustainability Assessment

The University of California Santa Cruz recently released its 2007 Campus Sustainability Assessment, which identifies sustainability related successes and areas for improvement in sustainability efforts. The report establishes a basis for measuring progress over time, and is the work of over 60 staff, faculty, and students.

See also: [UCSC Campus Sustainability Assessment](#)

See also: <http://cityonahillpress.com/article.php?id=1177>

April 24, 2008: UCSC's McHenry Library gets a facelift steeped in 'green' design principles

UC Santa Cruz's McHenry Library will one day be the future home of the Grateful Dead's vast collection of memorabilia, but right now it's home to grateful librarians who are excited about a \$99 million renovation and eager to see it completed.

"It's nice to finally be in the building," university librarian Virginia Steel said during a recent tour of the new part of the facility. "I'm pleased by how light and bright it is."

http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/portlet/article/html/fragments/print_article.jsp?articleId=9050809&siteId=6

April 10, 2008: UC Santa Cruz named Runner Up in NWF Chill Out Competition

UC Santa Cruz was among five runners up in the second annual National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Chill Out Competition. UCSC was recognized for its purchase of 100% renewable energy and for its student-led energy efficiency and conservation programs. The NWF Chill Out award program honors the U.S. schools that are ahead of their time in addressing global warming and being highly creative in doing so.

http://www.nwf.org/campusEcology/chillout/co08_winners.cfm

February 14, 2008: Students at Porter/Kresge Dining Hall Eat Trayless

[Porter and Kresge] dining halls withheld trays as an experiment to test waste reduction. [S]tudents had to make do with only plates for the day, while volunteers from the Student Environmental Center (SEC) and Dining Hall staff scraped food from dishes they used in order to weigh and calculate wasted ounces of food per person.

The experiment was effective: When students use plates without trays, the amount of waste decreases by one ounce per plate.

<http://cityonahillpress.com/article.php?id=1032>

January 2008: Santa Cruz Hosts Seventh Annual Earth Summit

Don't know much about climate change?

On Jan. 31, UC Santa Cruz is teaming up with 'Focus the Nation' to host its seventh annual Campus Earth Summit to help combat climate change.

Focus the Nation consists of a group of politicians, educators, and activists that lead a group of over 1,550 campuses and communities across the country, educating students about climate change.

Daniel Press, chair of the UCSC Environmental Studies Department, will speak at the upcoming Earth Summit, where he will be honoring students for all of their hard work to limit global warming pollution on campus.

“It’s a real opportunity to think about a campus community and lighten our footprint,” Press said. “It is also a learning opportunity where education turns into action.”

<http://www.cityonahillpress.com/article.php?id=972>

November 18, 2007: UCSC Transportation Honored as a "Community Hero"

The vanpool program at UCSC started in 1992 with two vans coming from Watsonville. Now, the program has ballooned to 22 vans transporting campus employees from as near as Live Oak and as far-flung as Palo Alto...For accomplishments in reducing single-passenger auto use such as this, the United Way honored UCSC's Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) Department as a "Community Hero" at its 2007 Community Assessment Project press conference and celebration November 19.

http://www.ucsc.edu/news_events/text.asp?pid=1761

November 15, 2007: UCSC Seeing Recycling Boom

Workers pulling up to campus recycling containers on their weekly rounds have lately been greeted with an unusual sight: Full bins. Packed bins. Bins that are stuffed to the bursting point...Recycling has been on the upswing for the past two years, but the campus has experienced a surge in the practice since students arrived with the start of this year's academic term, according to Recycling Coordinator Dave Wade.

http://www.ucsc.edu/news_events/text.asp?pid=1750

November 8, 2007: UC Santa Cruz Dining Receives Green Business Certification

Two UC Santa Cruz dining halls and the University's catering service have received green certifications from the Monterey Bay Area Green Business Program. To be certified green, participants must be in compliance with all regulations and meet program standards for conserving resources, preventing pollution, and minimizing waste. The Monterey Bay Area Green Business Program is a partnership of environmental agencies, utilities, and nonprofit organizations that assist, recognize, and promote businesses and government agencies that volunteer to operate in a more environmentally responsible way.

October 4, 2007: Bright idea: Campus to give away energy-efficient light bulbs

During October, campus representatives will distribute up to 5,000 compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) donated by PG&E to the campus community. The giveaway is being conducted by the Green Campus Program, which is made up of four student interns (Francesca Benedetti, Rachel Shiozaki, Katie Landeros and David Chang), in coordination with UCSC.

http://www.ucsc.edu/news_events/text.asp?pid=1625

September 27, 2007: UCSC Signs Climate Action Compact with County and City

...City, county and university leaders plan to combat global warming and cut greenhouse gas emissions in the coming years — the goal of the Climate Action Compact signed by Blumenthal, county Supervisor Neal Coonerty and Santa Cruz Mayor Emily Reilly on Wednesday.

The compact — endorsed by other community leaders such as county Treasurer Fred Keeley, New Leaf owner Scott Roseman, Bill Tysseling of the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce and Virginia Johnson of Ecology Action — is an agreement to reduce the community's carbon footprint and encourage growth of green businesses in the local economy.

<http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/archive/2007/September/27/local/stories/03local.htm>

July 2007: Breaking new ground: UC Santa Cruz celebrates sustainable innovation in farming, food systems

In 1967, a charismatic English gardener also an accomplished Shakespearean actor, painter, violinist and athlete journeyed to California to establish an organic garden. On a steep hillside at UC Santa Cruz, Alan Chadwick broke

ground for a student garden designed to demonstrate the biodynamic methods he had learned from his childhood tutor, Rudolf Steiner. Although he left after 5 years to establish similar projects elsewhere, Chadwicks innovative project took root. Today more than 1,200 graduates of the UC Santa Cruz farm and Garden apprenticeship program are often credited with pioneering what is now the mainstream, fast-growing organic food movement.

<http://californiaagriculture.ucop.edu/0704OND/resup01.html>

July 2007: UC Students Eating Local, Organic Produce

Seven farmers local to UC Santa Cruz are participating in a groundbreaking farm-to-college program, supplying organic produce to the university's five campus dining rooms and restaurant. The program is running side by side with a 2-year research study on developing institutional market outlets for small and medium-sized growers.

The first program of its kind in the UC system, this is one of many farm-to-institution initiatives sprouting up around the country. Hundreds of institutions, including K-12 schools, Kaiser Permanente and UC San Francisco hospitals, and corporate cafeterias, such as Googles in Mountain View, are offering locally and sustainably grown produce. Its still a largely untapped market, says Patricia Allen, new director of the UC Santa Cruz Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems (CASFS). Farm-to-institution programs could be a lifeline for small to mid-scale farmers struggling to stay afloat, she says.

<http://californiaagriculture.ucop.edu/0704OND/resup02.html>

June 13, 2007: UC Santa Cruz Acting Chancellor Discusses Sustainability in Video Address

Acting Chancellor George Blumenthal sent out this video campus-wide and emphasized the assessment and the importance of sustainability:

<http://chancellor.ucsc.edu/messages/campus/06-13-07.asp>

June 7, 2007: UC Santa Cruz Dining Hall Receives Green Certification

The UCSC Crown/Merrill Dining Hall is the first restaurant in Santa Cruz to receive green certification from the city of Santa Cruz. The certification process took about a year, and entailed a variety of changes, including new energy-efficient appliances and better waste disposal techniques. Organizers hope to get all of UCSC's dining halls certified by the end of 2007.

May 11, 2007: UCSC Green Campus Program Featured on TV Program and Online Sustainability Magazine

In May, a major online sustainability site (worldchanging.org) featured the UCSC Green Campus program. The article focused on GC intern Tommaso Boggias successful efforts to establish a renewable power ballot measure. The article also details the activities of all the green campus interns and their stakeholders.

<http://www.worldchanging.com/local/sanfrancisco/archives/006664.html>

April 20, 2007: UC Santa Cruz named a renewable energy champion

UC Santa Cruz has been honored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as the Individual Conference Champion for purchasing more green power than any other school in the Association of Division III Independents Conference...The EPA tracked green power purchasing among collegiate athletic conferences through its College & University Green Power Challenge, which concluded recently with 33 schools and 16 conferences participating nationwide.

http://www.ucsc.edu/news_events/text.asp?pid=1212

April 16, 2007: UC Santa Cruz Students Study Campus Water Use

Students at UC Santa Cruz have begun a detailed survey of campus water use. They are going from building to building to measure faucet and shower flow rates, time toilet flushes, look for leaks, and check for missing faucet aerators. They will also survey campus irrigation systems. The students, who are working with a consulting firm, intend to produce a study identifying improvements that could be made to campus facilities and operations to reduce water consumption. The consulting firm will also conduct surveys of water used in labs, greenhouses, cooling towers, and other facilities and will then rank the potential water conservation projects according to cost effectiveness.

March 19, 2007: [UCSC Residential College Sustainability Program Receives Award](#)

College Eight, a residential college at UC Santa Cruz, has received an Outstanding Project Award from the American College Personnel Association for its sustainability program. This award recognizes exemplary cocurricular initiatives that significantly impact the educational experience of first-year students. College Eight's Sustainability Project complements the College's Core Course, Environment and Society, by engaging each first-year student collaborative service learning program that directly connects the student to the environment. Students participated in community learning settings and reflected on those experiences in the core course.

See also: [College Eight Sustainability Project homepage](#)

February 2, 2007: [UC Santa Cruz Purchases Green Power for 100% of Electricity Consumption](#)

Using money raised from a \$3 per quarter student fee increase approved by students last spring, UC Santa Cruz has purchased 50 million kilowatt hours of renewable energy certificates. The purchase, combined with the University's existing electrical contract for 5 million kilowatt hours of renewable power, means the campus is offsetting 100 percent of its electrical consumption for fiscal year 2006-07. The purchase makes UC Santa Cruz the sixth largest campus green power purchaser in the US. The UCSC purchase agreement with Sterling Planet includes a clause extending the low price to other UC campuses in hopes that these campuses will follow UCSC's lead.

See also: <http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/archive/2007/February/02/local/stories/05local.htm>

[Top 10 Largest Higher Ed Green Power Purchasers](#)

November 21, 2006: UC researchers lead USDA-funded study of farm-to-institution programs

Potentially huge market could spell relief for small and mid-sized farms, improve eating habits of many. That's the vision behind an ambitious two-year study of the feasibility of "farm-to-institution" programs being launched this month by researchers at the University of California's Santa Cruz and Davis campuses.

http://www.ucsc.edu/news_events/press_releases/text.asp?pid=979

November 17, 2006 Sustainable Dining Initiatives at UC Santa Cruz

University of California, Santa Cruz recently adopted guidelines promoting the purchase of organic and locally grown produce as well as the recycling of used cooking oil. Last year, 12% of the produce served in campus dining halls was organic. This fall, the University began working with the Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association (ALBA) to purchase organic produce from local family farmers. ALBA is a non-profit organization that, among other things, trains farm workers to run their own small-scale sustainable farms. The University's commitment allowed the group to increase output by 300% in one month. In addition, the dining services department is reducing waste by minimizing overproduction and donating any leftovers to a local food bank. The dining services also plans to donate used cooking oil for biodiesel production.

<http://currents.ucsc.edu/05-06/11-14/dining.asp>

<http://currents.ucsc.edu/03-04/06-14/dining.html>

<http://currents.ucsc.edu/03-04/09-22/coffee.html>

October 2, 2006: UC Santa Cruz Establishes Endowed Chair in Environmental Studies

Craig Griswold has pledged \$350,000 to UC Santa Cruz for the establishment of the Olga T. Griswold Chair in Environmental Studies, which will focus on environmental stewardship, conservation, and restoration. Griswold's gift will support a professor whose research and teaching focuses on issues of environmental stewardship in the state of California, with special emphasis on management and public policy.

http://www.ucsc.edu/news_events/press_releases/text.asp?pid=954

June 1, 2006 UC Santa Cruz Students Approve Fee Increase for Renewable Energy

Students at University of California, Santa Cruz recently approved a student fee increase of \$3 per quarter to fund the purchase of renewable energy. Over 70% of voting students voted for the increase.

<http://currents.ucsc.edu/05-06/05-15/brief-voting.asp>

<http://currents.ucsc.edu/05-06/05-29/brief-voting.asp>

August 17, 2006: Organic farmers sprout under UCSC apprenticeship program

Established in 1967 by English horticulturist Alan Chadwick, the Farm and Garden Program at UCSC has grown into an esteemed academic workshop. Martin explains that garden students in the early 1970s pioneered an environmental movement in an area with barely any local organic farming.

"Now Santa Cruz is considered a national hotbed for organic operations," he says. "About a quarter of the stalls you see at the farmers market are people who have gone through this program."

The UCSC Farm and Garden Program hosts 50 graduate students each year, ranging in age from early 20s to 60s. Students from all over the world arrive in mid-April and work six months. Following the six-month session, the apprentices are awarded with a certificate in ecological horticulture...

<http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/archive/2006/August/17/style/stories/01style.htm>