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2010 Summit for a Sustainable Tennessee – November 5-6

This year's summit takes place November 5-6 at Cumberland University in Lebanon and will bring together citizens, conservation groups, environmental policy experts, elected officials and representatives of private business and industry to form partnerships and solutions to conservation issues throughout the state. The event will feature speakers Amanda Little, author of *Power Trip*, and Dr. Cliff Ricketts, alternative fuels scientist, as well as a Green Exhibition, educational seminars, and development of a statewide Sustainability Policy and Practice Agenda for 2011. [Read more...](#)

Saturday University: "Heat, Light and Water" – Saturdays through

The days are getting shorter and the leaves are crunching on the ground as Fall progresses across campus and we near the holiday season. With the assistance of News and Public Affairs, we recently unveiled a redesigned and improved [SustainVU website](#), so be sure to check out our new look and content if you haven't already. We hope you like it! There are a number of green events and sustainability opportunities coming up this month, and more information can always be found on both the [SustainVU website](#) and [Facebook page](#). The Holiday Greening Guide available on the homepage of the [SustainVU website](#) is filled with earth-friendly tips to green your holiday season, so consider checking it out. Here's to a sustainable and joy-filled November!

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Vanderbilt improves grade on 2011 College Sustainability Report Card

November 20

This fall's Saturday University series, "Heat, Light and Water: Lectures on Energy and the Environment," is presented in collaboration with the Vanderbilt Institute on Energy and the Environment (VIEE) and features lectures by Vanderbilt professors Jonathan Gilligan, Jack Barkenbus, Mike Vandenberg, and Jim Fraser on topics including Climategate, electric vehicles, behavioral aspects of energy and climate change, and effective floodplain policies. Lectures are held in Cohen Memorial Hall from 9:30-11:30 am over four consecutive Saturdays through November 20.

[Read more...](#)

Curb Center Creative Leadership Lecture: Mr. Jalopy – November 8

The Curb Center for Art, Enterprise and Public Policy is hosting a free public lecture by Mr. Jalopy on November 8 at 4 pm in the Curb Center Atrium. Mr. Jalopy is a Los Angeles-based advocate of the Maker Movement, a community of consumers who repair, rebuild, reuse and even reinvent mass-produced goods. [Read more...](#)

Book-signing and Discussion with Mark Winne – November 9

Join Community Food Advocates and national food systems organizer, advocate, and author Mark Winne at Second Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, November 9 at 6 pm for a book-signing and discussion of his



Vanderbilt University's results on the 2011 College Sustainability Report Card improved in 5 of the 9 sustainability categories and stayed consistent in the other four categories. The university received an overall grade of "B," an improvement from the C+ in the 2010 Report Card.

A: Green Building (B in 2010)

A: Student Involvement (same in 2010)

A: Transportation (B in 2010)

A: Investment Priorities (same in 2010)

B: Administration (same in 2010)

B: Climate Change & Energy (C in 2010)

B: Food & Recycling (same in 2010)

C: Endowment Transparency (F in 2010)

D: Shareholder Engagement (F in 2010)

The College Sustainability Report Card is a product of the Sustainable Endowments Institute and is designed to identify colleges and universities that are leading by example in their commitment to sustainability. [Read the full article.](#)

Vanderbilt and Cintas celebrate America Recycles Day with Community Paper Shred Day on Friday, November 12

On Friday, November 12th from 7:30 am to 3 pm, the Sustainability and Environmental Management Office (SEMO), in conjunction with Plant



Operations and VU's confidential paper shredding partner, Cintas, will celebrate America Recycles Day with a Community Paper Shred Day offering free paper, magazine, and book (soft and hard cover) shredding to all VU faculty, staff and students. Shredding trucks will be located on main campus at the corner of 24th Avenue and Vanderbilt Place and in the Medical Center behind Eskinid Biomedical Library and Light Hall near the VA

most recent work, *Food Rebels*, *Guerilla Gardeners and Smart-Cookin' Mamas – Fighting Back in an Age of Industrial Agriculture*. Winne's second book discusses his argument for a healthy and inclusive food system by addressing the relationship between a community and its food system. [Read more...](#)

USGBC Middle TN Board of Directors “Meet the Candidates” – November 11

Come get to know the candidates for the 2011 USGBC Middle Tennessee Board of Directors at Sambuca from 5:30 -8 pm on Thursday, November 11. Complimentary appetizers and a cash bar will be available. [Read more...](#)

Service Learning for Sustainability Workshop – November 12

The Tennessee Higher Education Sustainability Association (THESA) and the Vanderbilt Center for Teaching will co-host a workshop on integrating service learning and sustainability education. Speakers will include: Vanderbilt Professor Douglas Perkins; Nashville Metro Government's Christopher Bowles and Laurel Creech; and TSU's Deena Sue Fuller and David Padgett. In addition to speakers, the workshop will offer break-out sessions for participants to share resources and experiences, brainstorm new projects, establish connections, and explore future collaborations. [Read more...](#)

Hospital. Paper items generated here at Vanderbilt or from home will be accepted for shredding. After items are shredded, all paper products will then be recycled. So think about cleaning out your office, residence room, or house, and come on down!



Climate and Energy Campus Week

Climate and Energy Campus Week, coordinated by Vanderbilt Institute for Energy and the Environment (VIEE) in partnership

with the German Embassy, aims to increase student involvement in and awareness of climate change issues. Activities offered by Vanderbilt students throughout the week include:

–The inaugural planning meeting for the creation of a home-grown, sustainable, vegetable and produce garden and compost area at Glenclyff High School (contact [Supriya Kanal](#) for more information);

–SPEAR's Climate Connections Carnival on November 11 from 12-4 pm at The Commons to educate how daily activities affect energy use and climate change through interactive displays (contact [Karen White](#) for more information);

–Presentation in Vanderbilt Law School's Moore Room at 12:30 pm on November 11 by political consultant Thad Huguley titled, “Post-election Prospects for Climate and Energy Legislation” (contact [Kim Tuthill](#) for more information); and

–Biodiesel demonstration by the Alternative Energy Club from 4-6 pm on November 11 in the General Chemistry lab on the second floor of Stevenson Center building 5 (contact [Matt Irwin](#) for more information).



For more information on any of these stories, events and more, visit the SustainVU website at www.vanderbilt.edu/sustainvu or contact the Sustainability and Environmental Management Office at sustainvu@vanderbilt.edu or (615) 322-2057.



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