

Greetings from SustainVU! We wanted to let you know about some exciting new info on SustainVU as well as a few upcoming events. Be sure to visit [www.vanderbilt.edu/sustainvu](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/sustainvu) often as we are adding new information and features weekly.

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The Commons Center now has an interactive, informational kiosk that provides details on the progressive design and construction features of The Commons Center and Commons Residence Houses. Environmentally-friendly elements of The Commons are described in the presentation, including information on design and construction, water conservation, energy conservation and energy efficiency, indoor air quality, and waste management. A web-based version of the information available at the kiosk is also available at [www.vanderbilt.edu/sustainvu/thecommons](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/sustainvu/thecommons).

A video/audio walking tour is available for download for Mac and Windows-based mp3/iPod-type devices. This building tour will take you to highlighted LEED features around The Commons Center's accessible areas. The walking tour lasts 20 to 25 minutes. You can download the walking tour from the above website by clicking on the Building Tour menu during the presentation.

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What: Green VU Forum and panel discussion

When: Thursday, January 24th from 5:30 to 7:30pm

Where: Wilson Hall Room 103

The panel will discuss sustainability projects at Vanderbilt. Presenters and panel speakers include:

Michael Vandenberg, Professor of Law, Vanderbilt Law School

Brent Fitzgerald, President, Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Recycling (SPEAR)

Jennifer Hackett, Vanderbilt University Recycling Coordinator

Keith Loiseau, AIA, CCS, LEED-AP Architect, Campus Planning and Construction

Andrea George, PhD, Vanderbilt University Sustainability Coordinator

Several environmentally-related campus organizations will be present. A question and answer session will follow the panel presentations. For more information, please contact Dr. Ford Ebner at 343-0239 or [ford.ebner@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:ford.ebner@vanderbilt.edu). This information can also be found at [www.vanderbilt.edu/sustainvu/green\\_vu\\_panel.php](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/sustainvu/green_vu_panel.php).

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What: Vanderbilt's Center for the Study of Religion and Culture present Dr. Matthew Sleeth, author of "Serve God, Save the Planet"

When: Wednesday, February 6 at 4pm

Where: Benton Chapel

Dr. Matthew Sleeth, M.D. rejected a lucrative medical career and materialistic lifestyle for environmental activism. He will discuss that transition during this speech. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/news/releases?id=38993>