

Hopefully, everyone has already seen the announcement that Vanderbilt will calculate our first-ever greenhouse gas emissions inventory this spring with the results being released on Earth Day, April 22. A series of educational articles about greenhouse gases and carbon footprint have been released in MyVU and are featured on the SustainVU website – check them out at www.vanderbilt.edu/SustainVU.

In addition to this very exciting news for our campus, there are many opportunities available to you in the next few weeks to further sustainability at Vanderbilt and in Middle TN. This Saturday, OGSM is hosting a “Careers with Impact” symposium that I particularly encourage our students to check out. We will be participating in the upcoming Earth Hour on March 28 at 8:30pm, so remember to turn off your lights that evening! USAC is hosting two upcoming Habitat for Humanity builds, and it is time to join a CSA for the summer and enjoy great locally and organically grown veggies and fruits! You can also register now to attend Lipscomb University’s Green Business and Living Summit and Expo April 2-4. Detailed information about each of these opportunities is provided below.

Have a GREEN St. Patrick’s Day!

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Careers with Impact- Hear from Industry Leaders on the New Sustainable Economy

Saturday March 21st 8:30am-3:30pm
Hosted by Net Impact at the Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management
Register at www.owennetimpact.org/symposium, includes breakfast, lunch and gift bag

Speakers Include...
Rob Kaplan, Sr. Corporate Responsibility Analyst, Brown-Forman
Emily Davis, Manager, Sustainability, International Paper
Chris McCarthy, President and CEO, Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity
Frank Brown, Senior Investment Officer, Gray Matters Capital/ Gray Ghost Microfinance Fund
Suparna Bhasin, Chief Inspiration Officer, Putting Passion into Practice
Bill Barkley, President, Crosland Developers TN Division
And many more...

Panels will address:

- Growing the Business of Green Building: Developments in LEED Certification and New Real Estate Opportunities
- SRI: Profitable Investing in Positive Social Change
- Enhancing the Impact of Social Entrepreneurship
- Corporate Social Responsibility: Strategies for Sustainable Business Practices
- Marketing Sustainability: How Communications Play a Role in CSR
- Sustainability Consulting: Advising Companies on Triple

Bottom Line Strategies

- Growing the Business of Green Building: Developments in LEED Certification and New Real Estate Opportunities
- Leading Non-Profits in an Economic Downturn
- Impact of Environmental Law on Business

VANDERBILT IS PARTICIPATING IN EARTH HOUR ON MARCH 28 AT 8:30PM!

Vanderbilt has been asked to participate in the upcoming Earth Hour event on Saturday, March 28 from 8:30-9:30pm. Nashville has been chosen as a US Flagship city for this unique event. The World Wildlife Fund is asking that everyone in each flagship city turn off all NON-ESSENTIAL lighting for one hour – more info can be found at www.earthhourus.org/nashville.

Both Mayor Karl Dean and Governor Bredesen are participating and fully supportive of this event. The Governor is ordering all state-owned buildings to go dark throughout the state while Mayor Dean is working with the downtown businesses and flagship members to orchestrate a DARK OUT of the downtown area. The Sommet Center and Tower buildings will go dark while restaurants will move to candelight and the honkytonks and music areas will go acoustic. Buildings such as the Parthenon throughout Nashville will also go dark.

Vanderbilt will be darkening all non-essential outdoor lighting on main campus during this hour, as well as decorative lighting on iconic buildings such as the Kirkland Hall clock tower and the Wyatt Center dome. If you are faculty or staff, we ask that you consider participating by turning off your office, lab, classroom and area lights before leaving work on Friday and consider participating at home as well. If you are a student, consider turning off the lights in your room that are near windows. We do NOT want you to do anything that might cause a safety concern, such as use candles in residence halls or reduce lighting levels to the point where you feel unsafe. SEMO is working closely with a large coalition of stakeholders to plan this event, including VUPD, to ensure that our participation is as positive as possible.

Now is the time to sign up for a summer CSA and enjoy locally-grown, organic vegetables!!

What is a CSA?

CSAs short for Community Supported Agriculture. It is a system that links local growers with local communities. Individuals or families buy a share of the vegetables and fruits that will be grown over the season at a local farm, starting in mid to late May for the middle Tennessee region.

Why should I buy into a CSA? I can just go to the grocery store!

CSAs typically use sustainable agriculture practices—no chemical pesticides and improved soil health means better health for you and your family.

Second, the cost of your share supports the farmer’s work directly,

covering the cost of seed, salary, and farm equipment. Most importantly, your food is local and fresh. Usually it is picked no more than one day before delivery to you!

What comes in a share?

Each week, a share has a mix of enough veggies for 2-4 people for the week. A typical box has a variety—for example, a salad mix, spinach, peas, radishes, and a mix of greens including Swiss chard, kale, and arugula in early summer; and tomatoes, corn, cucumbers, zucchini, potatoes, herbs, peppers, garlic, onions, and carrots in mid-summer. Each weekly box typically contains 5-10 different types of produce, according to seasonal availability.

Two great CSA options that SEMO is aware of are listed below. Doe Run Farm delivers directly to VUMC each week while Nashville Urban Harvest operates a CSA out of the West Nashville Community Farm. T

DOE RUN FARM – Delivers Certified Organic vegetables directly to VUMC each week!

Doe Run Farm is a small family owned farm, growing a large variety of Certified Organic vegetables, salad greens, herbs, berries, and fruit. Their farm is located in Lincoln County, TN with top quality produce available through their year-round “Farm-to-Table” CSA program, offering a large assortment of vegetables, berries, fruit, herbs, and produce. Doe Run Farm delivers weekly to VUMC. For more information or to join the VUMC CSA, e-mail Judy McGary at drf@hughes.net or visit their link at www.doerunfarmtn.com.

NASHVILLE URBAN HARVEST

Nashville Urban Harvest is pleased to announce the return of their Spring-Summer CSA for the 2009 growing season. All produce in our CSA is grown locally at the West Nashville Community Farm, an urban farm devoted to practical education and awareness around sustainable agriculture and a vibrant local food system. For more details, please visit <http://nashvilleurbanharvest.org/pages/CSA-2009>.

Please email csa@nashvilleurbanharvest.org for additional questions.

Sign up for University Staff Advisory Council-sponsored Habitat for Humanity builds!

Spots for the USAC Habitat for Humanity house build are going quickly!

The build dates are April 18th, 19th and May 2nd, 3rd. The build is in northeast Nashville off Brick Church Pike and Briley Parkway. Our build dates correspond to the activities of build days 1,2,5, and 6.

To reserve your spot email Karen Daniel at karen.daniel@owen.vanderbilt.edu with:

- The date or dates you would like to participate
- Office phone number
- Cell phone number

You must be able to commit to a full day of work (7:00-4:30) Once you have signed up an information packet will be sent to you detailing the location of the build, what to bring, and safety instructions.

If you have any questions contact Daniel Dubois at 322-4589 or daniel.dubois@vanderbilt.edu

Lipscomb University Green Business and Living Summit and Expo

Lipscomb University invites you to the Tennessee region's premiere green event, the 2nd annual Green Business and Living Summit and Expo on the Lipscomb University campus, April 2-4, 2009. This event promotes a sustainability focus on building, energy, transportation, home, office, electronics, waste elimination, and the environment. The kick-off is a FREE keynote address by Gary Hirschberg, President and CEO of Stonyfield Farm Yogurt, entitled "Stirring It Up: How to Save Money and Save the World!". For more information, visit <http://sustainability.lipscomb.edu/page.asp?SID=193&Page=5658> .