

Happy 2009 from SustainVU! We have lots of exciting sustainability news and events happening in January and February!

Interested in learning more about the environment, energy, and sustainability from our faculty in the Vanderbilt Institute of Energy and Environment (VIEE)? Register for the six-part Saturday University Lecture Series this spring! The series begins on February 7 and will be held each Saturday through March 14 from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM in the multipurpose room of The Commons Center. The cost to attend all lectures is \$99. To register and for more information about the featured speakers please visit: <http://sitemason.vanderbilt.edu/myvu/news/2009/01/20/saturday-university-focused-on-environment-energy-and-sustainability-begins-feb-7.71142>.

Another educational opportunity is available on Tuesday, February 10 from 4 PM – 5 PM. Professor George Hornberger will give the 2009 Hall Engineering Lecture on “Complicated Interdependencies: Water, Energy, and Food” in Jacobs Believed in Me Auditorium. For more details visit: <http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu/calendar/2009/02/10/2009-hall-engineering-lecture-complicated-interdependencies-water-energy-food.71057>.

The Net Impact chapter at Owen Graduate School of Management recently launched its Smart Printing initiative. The goal of this program is to reduce paper waste in Owen by 25% and to promote more responsible use of paper. To kick-off the Smart Printing initiative, a paper tree was constructed using wasted paper found in printers over a 3 week time period and hung near the entrance of the building. For more information on Net Impact’s Smart Printing initiative and the paper tree, please visit: <http://owennetimpact.org/?p=138>.

Want to know more about climate change? Join SPEAR for Climate Change Solutions Week and fun events including a tree-planting and a teach-in on climate change solutions. The Climate Change Solutions Week will wrap-up with a Sustainability Fair from 11 AM – 2 PM on Friday, January 30th at Sarratt Promenade where SEMO will have a booth. Also look for posters around campus illustrating how organisms and ecosystems are influenced by climate change. For more information, contact [brent.t.fitzgerald@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:brent.t.fitzgerald@vanderbilt.edu), SPEAR President.

Looking for cool green gifts and eco-friendly household items? Check out the Green Wagon, Nashville’s first green general store, which is owned and operated by Vanderbilt alumnus Jen Casale and just opened this past weekend. Located on Murphy Road in Sylvan Park across from McCabe’s Pub, the store features a variety of items, including personal care products, clothing, gifts, and more. For more information visit the store’s website at: <http://www.greenwagonnashville.com/>.

We hope you have a happy and sustainable start to your New Year!

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