

- Chico Green Campus team heads to UC Santa Barbara for conference on sustainability.
- End of the year for Green Campus. End to a successful Green Campus Pilot Program.
- Highlight of Summer Projects.
- Green Campus Program adds three new campuses.

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Green Campus Program

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UC/CSU Sustainability Conference

Two members of the Chico Green Campus team escaped the Chico heat by traveling to the 5th annual UC/CSU Sustainability Conference held at University of California at Santa Barbara. The conference was appropriately titled *Turning the Tide; Implementing Sustainable Strategies*. The main aspects discussed during the conference fell into the categories of: Energy, Green Building, water, land, air, recycling, foods systems, environmentally preferable procurement, curriculum, commuting/transportation and institutionalizing sustainability.

The conference objective was to provide a forum for sustainable campus practices and related workshops for representatives from over 300 public and private colleges and universities, state and federal agencies, and companies. The conference consisted of eight tracks and over thirty sections. One section was on the Green Campus Program that

showcased UC Santa Barbara's and CSU San Bernardino's award winning projects. The Chico State Green Campus was not awarded any Best Practice



For more information on the conference visit:
<http://sustainability.ucsb.edu/>

Awards for student-led Energy Conservation programs, but Chico came home with a few other awards. One for the student lead campaign for a \$5 fee increase to fund an Associated Students Sustainability Director led by A.S. President Courtney Voss. Chico was also recognized for the Sutter Block demolition project, and Diversion Excursion.

Chico State's many different environmental factions are working hard to make the university more sustainable. "I am delighted to see the campus receiving recognition for the good work that people are doing to make this a more sustainable planet," said Scott McNall, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. "Chico State will continue to demonstrate that it is not only a leader in California, but a leader in the nation in the areas of green buildings, recycling, saving energy and reducing our carbon footprint on the planet."

Renewable Choice Energy donated 40,000 kWh to the conference. This carbon free energy source prevented 55,680 pounds of CO2 pollution from reaching our biosphere. That is the equivalent of not driving 60,786 miles in the average car, or planting 759 trees to absorb the CO2.

End of Year Meeting

Marking the end of the Green Campus Pilot Program, all nine school met to discuss the past year and share valuable information. In attendance were representatives from CSU Humboldt, CSU Sonoma, CSU Chico, CSU San Diego, CSU San Bernardino,

UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine and the three campuses added for the 2006-2007 school year; UC Santa Cruz, UC Merced and Cal Poly Pomona.

The annual end of year meeting was made up of intern presenta-

tions, cross-campus networking and workshops aimed at developing skills valuable to building staff-student collaboration. The meeting was a great way for interns to share ideas, lessons learned, and to get to know one another.

The Power is in Your Hands



If the cost of keeping your house cool during the hot summer days is bringing you down, there is something you can do about it! Manage your households, or business' energy bill and helps our country's economy, aid the environment and insure energy security through energy efficient choices. *The Power is in Your Hands* inspires, informs and arms people to save money by saving energy.



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Highlight of Summer Projects

- Sustainability House (fliers and further program development)
- Flume hood stickers that will remind users to close hoods when not in use.
- Prepare a Green Campus binder with useful information and contacts gained over the last year.
- Prepare for environmental information and recruitment fair in August with leaders of the other Chico State environmental groups.
- Research and analysis of network based power management software for various computer labs.
- Updating the Chico GCP website, and connecting it to CSUC main page

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The Green Campus Program Extends to Three New California Campuses

After the Green Campus Pilot Program's success in the 2004-2005 school year they extended the program from six schools to nine. Further success of the pilot program has led the Alliance to Save Energy to extend the program further to a total of twelve California Campuses. The newest being UC Santa Cruz,

UC Merced and Cal Poly Pomona. The program utilizes student activists from both California State Universities and University of California Campuses in a collaborative effort to reduce energy consumption in California Institutions. The Chico State Green Campus Program's first year was 2005-2006.