The American College & University Presidents’ Climate Commitment

“A high-visibility commitment by colleges and universities to eliminate dangerous greenhouse gas emissions, and promote the research and education necessary to prepare students to for a sustainable society.”

“The Commitment recognizes the unique responsibility that institutions of higher education have as role models for their communities and in educating the people who will develop the social, economic and technological solutions to reverse global warming and help create a thriving, civil and sustainable society.”
677 ACUPCC Signatories

12,000 Individuals working to implement the ACUPCC at signatory institutions

6,000,000+ Students attending ACUPCC institutions

1583 Greenhouse Gas inventories have been submitted

465 Climate Action Plans have been submitted

235 Progress Reports on the Climate Action Plan have been submitted
198 Signatories Combine To Offer 9,548 Sustainability Focused Courses, and Report The Following Programs For Sustainability Education:

- **153** have undergraduate degrees and **78** have graduate degrees in Sustainability.
- **70%** of all graduate-degree granting institutions offer programs in sustainability, while **77%** of all institutions offer an undergraduate degree program in sustainability.
- **92** schools (54% of schools where research is a priority) provide incentives to faculty for developing or incorporating sustainability into existing courses.
97% of signatories (who have submitted a Progress Report) have a climate/sustainability community partnership.

Corporate Sponsors and community liaisons state time and time again that they need students who are sustainability literate for their organizations and civic projects.

Students must have hands-on, ecologically and civically relevant (read: local!) experiences in order to understand the complexity and necessity of system-wide issues & collaboration.

The institutions with the most innovative and successful curricular programs have integrated faculty incentives and dedicated institutional resources to community & service learning.
CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF CLIMATE LEADERSHIP

The Progress and Promise of the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment

ADAPTATION COMMITTEE
WHITE PAPER

Higher Education's Role in Adapting to a Changing Climate
CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY DAY 2012
PREPARING STUDENTS FOR A CHANGING CLIMATE

• Host a regional (virtual) conversation:
  How can we best prepare students to meet the challenges of a changing climate, and to enter the new green economy?

• Nominate a student leader to take notes

• Student leaders will compile a list of best practices for creating education which prepares students
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• Student engagement
• Campus Sustainability Day
• ACUPCC Support
• Workshops & Leadership Development
• Educational Development

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