

# Students Across the Country Compete to Reduce Campus Energy

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In the first two months of the academic year, USGBC Students is off to a roaring start! The national network of volunteer national and regional chairs has tripled the size of the program, and students are putting together inspiring events and activities on campuses across the country. We are now gearing up for Campus Conservation Nationals!

[Campus Conservation Nationals 2012](#) is a national residence hall electricity and water reduction competition that encourages colleges and universities to compete with each other to have the greatest energy reductions. With over 120 schools committed, and 1,400 buildings with 280,000 students ready to compete, this is sure to be an exciting competition.

Last year, 40 participating colleges and universities in the United States and Canada reduced electricity consumption by 508,000 kilowatt-hours, saving \$50,200 and averting 816,000 pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. The event was the first real-time, nationwide electricity and water use reduction competition. With a 25.8 percent reduction in electricity use, [DePauw University](#) became the top campus reducer.

This year we are going even bigger! In a partnership with the [National Wildlife Federation](#), [Alliance to Save Energy](#), [Lucid Design Group](#) and [Oberlin College](#), and with generous financial and in-kind support from [United Technologies Corp.](#), [Sloan Valve Company](#), [Sterling Planet](#) and [Constellation Energy](#), we are going to save over a gigawatt of energy and prevent nearly 200,000 pounds of CO2 from entering the atmosphere.

To sign up for the competition visit [competetoreduce.org](http://competetoreduce.org).

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