

Campus Conservation Nationals 2013 Kicks Off!

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Today [marks the start](#) of the third [Campus Conservation Nationals](#) (CCN) - the largest nationwide electricity and water reduction competition on college and university campuses. Students, faculty, and administration at over 100 participating colleges, including 20 community colleges, have the opportunity to work together to reduce consumption and mitigate the impacts of climate change. Competitions are hosted nationally, between buildings on individual campuses, and against a select group of peer institutions.

Over a three-week period between February 4 and April 26, CCN will inspire and empower thousands of college students to commit to a more sustainable lifestyle. Using Lucid's building dashboard, students will be able to monitor "regular" energy and water consumption for one week and then spend the next two weeks working to reduce their consumption. The National Wildlife Federation is also elevating the competition this year through a video contest with cash prizes.

In 2012, participating schools saved enough energy to take 151 U.S. homes off the grid for a year! The water reduction, over 1,554,814 gallons, was equivalent to 9,950,809 20-ounce water bottles.

CCN wouldn't be possible without the generous support from [Constellation Energy](#), an Exelon company, and [United Technologies Corp.](#) For more information, visit the CCN website, www.competetoreduce.org. If your school would like to participate next year, sign-ups will take place in October 2013. The best way to participate next year and be a part of other national events on college and university campuses is to join or start a [USGBC Students group](#).

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