

## WHY ATTEND?

Higher education has an obligation to be a good environmental steward  
Students will emulate the environmental example being set by higher education  
An environmentally conscious campus will attract the best and brightest students  
We have much to learn from one another!

**Come and find out** how higher education institutions in Tennessee are advancing sustainability on their campuses.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Faculty and Students  
Campus Operations Staff  
Facility Planners  
Campus Health & Safety Professionals  
Administrative Leaders  
Government Representatives  
Concerned Businesses & Citizens

## WHERE

The Conference will be held on March 31-April 1 in the Boone Business Building on the campus of Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, TN. The Boone Building was completed in 2007 and is the newest building on campus.



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## HIGHER EDUCATION & SUSTAINABILITY IN TENNESSEE:

### Making Inroads into Academia

**March 31-April 1, 2010**

## CONFERENCE HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION

The 2010 Conference will be the 4<sup>th</sup> state-wide sustainability/higher education conference in Tennessee. Previous conferences have been held at Fisk University (2006), Belmont University (2007), and Lipscomb University (2008). Typically the event draws approximately 150 faculty, staff, and students from across the state. With increasing societal and academic interest in sustainability, we expect attendance at this year's conference to be at least as large, if not larger, than that in previous years.

The Tennessee Higher Education Sustainability Association (THESA) is an organization dedicated to adding value to and promoting sustainability initiatives taking place within higher education institutions in Tennessee. As such, it is an enabling organization rather than an advocacy group. Overall, it seeks to ensure the societal movement toward sustainability is reflected in and promoted by Tennessee campuses across the state. THESA is a non-profit, 501 (c)(3) organization chartered within the state of Tennessee and possessing a Board of Directors. The Board is made up of dedicated individuals from higher education, government, and the business community. To learn more about THESA visit its website at: <http://thesa.utk.edu> or contact Dr. Jack Barkenbus at : [jack.barkenbus@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:jack.barkenbus@vanderbilt.edu).

## THIS YEAR

As in years past, the 2010 Conference will consist of a mix of plenary presentations by national speakers and shorter, more focused, presentations by Tennessee campus representatives. We anticipate three separate subject tracks, designed to appeal to the different interests on campuses. They are: campus operations, instruction and curricula, and energy & climate change.

Topics within the tracks will likely include, among other:

- Building to LEED (green) Standards
- Materials Recycling
- Green Procurement
- Local Food and Composting Opportunities
- Service Learning/Outreach
- Integrating Sustainability into the Curriculum
- Climate Change Commitments and Reporting
- Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation

## SPONSORSHIP & EXHIBITS

Opportunities for sponsorship and exhibiting at the Conference are available. To discuss how you can be part of this exciting Conference please contact:

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## WEBSITE

More information on the Conference, including the agenda and registration, will be posted soon on the THESA website at:

<http://thesa.utk.edu>