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Climate Neutral Campus Report Released at College & University Climate Commitment Summit

(Chicago, IL) A new thought leadership report focused on the quest for climate neutrality in the higher education sector is being released today at the annual Climate Leadership Summit for members of the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC). Six hundred fifty college and university presidents have joined the ACUPCC, a comprehensive global warming initiative through which schools are committing to neutralize greenhouse gas emissions on their campuses, dedicating research and programs to the development of climate change solutions, and training their students to address the climate crisis upon graduation.

The Climate Neutral Campus Report, compiled by Kyoto Publishing in partnership with Second Nature and the ACUPCC, is a collection of white papers, case studies, and interviews that address how the higher education sector is fighting the climate crisis. The Report, which is available in printed form and online at www.climateneutralcampus.com, includes bold ideas on topics ranging from the re-orientation of student education to the re-design of campus operations, from the policy reforms that will enable colleges and universities to switch to renewable energy, to the emerging competition for carbon reduction in college sports.

Said Anthony D. Cortese, President of Second Nature and co-organizer of the ACUPCC, "If we want to pass the test posed to society in the form of severe climate disruption, this Report should be part of our homework." He continued, "It will inspire and challenge anyone who is interested in the kind of education that will prepare today's and tomorrow's leaders to operate society sustainably."

More than 30 authors contributed to the *Climate Neutral Campus Report*, including well-known leaders in higher education, business, sustainability, and policy advocacy. A few examples include: Jacqueline Johnson, Chancellor of the University of Minnesota, Morris, who writes about her institution's use of renewable, sustainable, and local resources that will enable the campus to achieve carbon neutrality by 2010; Doug Gatlin, Vice President for Market Development of the US Green Building Council, who presents *A Holistic Approach to Green Building*; and Ray C. Anderson, Founder and Chairman of Interface, Inc., the largest commercial modular carpet manufacturer in the world, who writes about what today's students need to learn to help his company and others reach "Mission Zero" of carbon neutrality and planetary sustainability.

Approximately 250 higher education leaders are attending the Climate Leadership Summit at the Palmer Hilton Hotel in Chicago August 13-14. The event is designed to help university and college presidents, business officers, facilities managers, and other higher education leaders determine how to

better: access financing to support climate and sustainability efforts; create or build upon an effective climate action plan that includes operations, education, research, and community engagement; successfully lead the campus community through the major transformational change necessary to address this issue; and network with other leaders, whose collaboration can leverage large-scale change in government policies, funding streams, joint purchasing efforts, and other climate-related initiatives.

About the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment

Launched in 2007, the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment is a network of 650 signatory schools, representing all fifty states and the District of Columbia. This high-visibility effort to address global warming garners institutional commitments to neutralize greenhouse gas emissions and accelerate the research and educational efforts of higher education to equip society to re-stabilize the earth's climate. The ACUPCC is led by a Steering Committee comprised of more than 20 university and college presidents, including three co-chairs: Michael Crow, President of Arizona State University; Mary Spangler, Chancellor of Houston Community College; and David Shi, President of Furman University. The lead supporting organization of the initiative is the national nonprofit [Second Nature](http://SecondNature.org), based in Boston. For more information, visit www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org.

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