

# **Virginia Signatories to the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment (as of November 15, 2007)**

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## **About the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment**

The American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment is a high-visibility effort to address global warming by garnering institutional commitments to neutralize greenhouse gas emissions, and to accelerate the research and educational efforts of higher education to equip society to re-stabilize the earth's climate.

Building on the growing momentum for leadership and action on climate change, the Presidents Climate Commitment provides a framework and support for America's colleges and universities to go climate neutral. The Commitment recognizes the unique responsibility that institutions of higher education have as role models for their communities and in training the people who will develop the social, economic and technological solutions to reverse global warming.

Presidents signing the Commitment are pledging to eliminate their campuses' greenhouse gas emissions over time. This involves:

- **Completing an emissions inventory**
- **Within two years, setting a target date and interim milestones for becoming climate neutral.**
- **Taking immediate steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by choosing from a list of short-term actions.**
- **Integrating sustainability into the curriculum and making it part of the educational experience.**
- **Making the action plan, inventory and progress reports publicly available.**

The college and university presidents and chancellors who are joining and leading the Commitment believe that exerting leadership in addressing climate change will stabilize and reduce their long-term energy costs, attract excellent students and faculty, attract new sources of funding, and increase the support of alumni and local communities.

For more information on the Presidents Climate Commitment, please visit <http://www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org/>