

## 2014 & 2015 Sustainability Highlights

# LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

Preparing people to lead extraordinary lives *and sustainable*



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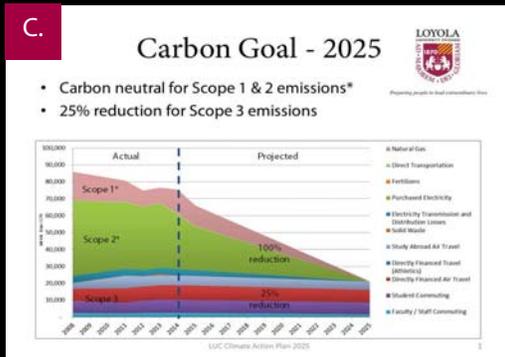
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## Sustainability accomplishments at Loyola

Loyola University Chicago continues to excel in advancing sustainability initiatives across the campus, curriculum and culture of the university.

### Highlights include:

- The opening of the St. Ignatius Community Plaza—a new public space for Loyola and neighbors providing pedestrians and bikes safe and bountiful access to campus
- Loyola was recognized by the Sierra Club's Cool Schools program as the 4th most sustainable college in the United States based on our Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) submission
- Loyola committed to carbon neutrality by 2025 through 'A Climate for Justice - Loyola's Climate Action Plan'
- Loyola admitted the first class to Arrupe College, a two-year associate's degree program designed for student's with financial limitations but a quest for learning

### Other projects include;

- Electric vehicle charging stations came to Lake Shore Campus with two stations in the Fordham Parking Garage
- Loyola's BioSoap received the US EPA's Safer Choice green chemistry approval and is now the official soap for all Lake Shore bathrooms
- The Green Initiative Fund, Loyola's sustainability fund celebrated its second year, providing over \$20,000 to 9 student projects
- As part of a sustainable landscaping grant, students participated in a design charrette to envision a new President's garden behind Burrowes Hall
- A student project purchased all the electricity for Loyola's residence halls from Illinois wind power, a clean and renewable power source
- Loyola's third annual WaterWeek brought students together to address water issues; from scarcity to pollution
- Loyola finished third in the first ever 'Kill the Cup' competition between university campuses to promote reusable mugs
- In an effort to conserve water, a research project from the Psychology Department, Facilities and Office of Sustainability tested physical retrofits and behavior messages in residence halls
- Loyola's second annual Climate Change Conference 'To Tend the Earth' welcomed over 200 guests to campus to explore the ethical, scientific and religious aspects of a changing climate

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