

UWO students, staff attend National Sustainability Conference

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The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will be well-represented at the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Conference in Denver from October 10-13.

Three students will make presentations on campus sustainability projects: Aaron Campbell (political science) will describe the Oshkosh Student Association's Titan Transit program. Korin Franklin (environmental studies) will present results from the campus waste audit conducted in spring 2010 by students in the "Environmental Studies 390: Topics in Campus Sustainability" course. Nadeesha Thewarapperuma (economics and environmental studies) will present her research on using Parking Office records to describe commuter distances and gas mileage, conducted as a STEP intern to the Sustainability Office.

The students also will join 400 fellow students in a pre-conference Student Summit.

Faculty and staff will contribute to the conference, too. Steven Dunn of the College of Business will report on his curricular innovations in teaching students to assess sustainability in businesses as part of his "Business 450: Environmental Management." This project was supported by U.S. Department of Education grants to the UW Oshkosh Center for the Advancement of Sustainable Practices and Environmental Research (CASPER). Dunn also will take part in a panel discussion on planning and integrating sustainability at universities.

Michael Lizotte, interim director of sustainability, will present on how UW Oshkosh constructed its Climate Action Plan based on its sustainability plan and state laws and targets. Tom Sonnleitner, vice chancellor for administrative services, will represent UW Oshkosh at the Climate Leadership Conference hosted by the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment.

[Michael Lizotte](#), interim director of sustainability, submitted this announcement. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to contribute calendar items, campus announcements and other good news to [UW Oshkosh Today](#).

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