

DELL, CISCO & SUN SUPPORT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN'S NEW STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE WITH ECO-FRIENDLY IT

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Climate Savers Computing Initiative at the University of Michigan is providing critical start-up support to the newly established Student Sustainability Initiative (SSI). Through the support of Climate Savers Computing Initiative sponsors Dell, Cisco and Sun, U-M's SSI received IT equipment and funding that helped the organization ramp up and hit the ground running green from the start.

"Equipment and support from Climate Savers Computing Initiative at University of Michigan sponsors provides a key component to the infrastructure required to help SSI achieve its goals," said Bill Wroblewski, Director of Technical Infrastructure Operations for University of Michigan's Administrative Information Services. "As part of University of Michigan's broader commitment to reducing its carbon footprint, SSI will actively involve students in sustainability through collaboration on projects that benefit the community."

SSI, a team of 4 student staffers, will help students, administrators, faculty, and staff to develop and incorporate sustainability into campus infrastructure and academic curriculum decisions. SSI will also research and offer sustainability best practices and monitor U-M's progress on sustainability initiatives.

Through the support of corporate sponsors of U-M's Climate Savers Computing Initiative, SSI will receive eco-friendly IT hardware to support their efforts. Additionally, funding from the corporate sponsors will be awarded through [SSI's Small-Scale Grants](#) program for student organizations to support innovative research, educational, operational, and outreach initiatives relating to environmental sustainability.

The Climate Savers Computing Initiative at U-M is engaging campus in strategies, best practices and education designed to reduce IT energy consumption and increase green computing practices. The goal of U-M's green plan is to encourage simple, eco-friendly changes that make a big difference. U-M is dedicated to developing environmentally conscious practices that become part of campus life and activities for students, faculty and administration.

The Climate Savers Computing Initiative is a nonprofit group of more than 200 eco-conscious consumers, businesses and conservation organizations dedicated to improving the power efficiency and reducing energy consumption of computers. Climate Savers Computing Initiative has identified a national goal to reduce energy consumption of computers by 50 percent by 2010, netting \$5.5 billion in global energy savings and an annual reduction of 54 million tons of CO2 emissions per year.

About Climate Savers Computing Initiative at University of Michigan

Founded in 1817, the University of Michigan has stood as the national model for the large public university for more than a century. In keeping with its rich heritage of leadership, University of Michigan is committed to raising awareness of the environmental impact of IT and creating sustainable change that reduces its carbon footprint. Through policies and activities related to IT use and purchasing, University of Michigan is committed to developing environmentally conscious practices in its students, faculty and administration. For more information, visit www.climatesavers.umich.edu/.

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