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## Wisconsin students to present school energy projects Wednesday

More than 300 students and teachers will learn about energy efficiency, renewable energy, and careers in energy Wednesday.

The 2008 Governor's High School Conference on the Environment, "Student Power: Conserving Your Future with Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy," will showcase what students throughout the state are doing to manage energy both at school and in their homes.

The conference will be held at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's Dreyfus University Center. The morning keynote address at 9:15 a.m. will be in the Laird Room, and student exhibits from noon to 12:45 p.m. will be in the Alumni Room. Mary Schlaefer, executive director of the Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation (WECC), and Ben Nusz, renewable energy technician instructor at Midstate Technical College are the keynote speakers. UWSP Chancellor Linda Bunnell will provide introductions and welcomes.

The Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education (WCEE) has hosted the conference since 1992. The WCEE is housed within the College of Natural Resources at UWSP. This is the sixth year the governor has sponsored the event.

Students will have the opportunity throughout the day to listen to 20 presentations and visit exhibits on the topic of energy resource management. Speakers include energy resource professionals and student presenters who will highlight projects implemented at their schools. Presentation topics include bioenergy, energy costs of food production, school energy audits, and renewable energy technologies. Participants will use this information to conduct projects in their schools, homes, and communities that help reduce energy consumption and costs and help protect the environment.

"The purpose of the conference is to provide motivated high school students with a leadership opportunity to share their research with peers and network with energy resource professionals from state and national programs," said Sunshine Buchholz, conference coordinator. "A large focus of the day is helping students understand that they can make a difference in their community and state by becoming involved in wise energy resource management decisions."

For more information visit the conference's Web site at [www.uwsp.edu/wcee/youthconference](http://www.uwsp.edu/wcee/youthconference) or call 346-2014 or University Relations and Communications at 346-3046.

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