

SIUE is top green power campus in Illinois

November 27 2018 12:55 PM



EDWARDSVILLE - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has ranked Southern Illinois University Edwardsville tops in Illinois and among the Top 30 universities nationally in green power usage.

The EPA's [Green Power Partnership](#) program has named the Top 30 colleges and universities in the U.S., representing the largest green power users among higher education institutions within the Partnership. It ranked SIUE No. 1 in Illinois and 22nd nationally. The annual combined green power use of these 30 organizations amounts to nearly 3 billion kilowatt-hours of green power, which is equivalent to the electricity use of more than 276,000 average American homes annually.

“By using 100 percent renewable electricity, the University retains its commitment to green power,” said SIUE Vice Chancellor for Administration Rich Walker. “In this manner, we are supporting the further development of all kinds of renewable energy resources, such as solar, wind, nuclear and geothermal.”

The University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign is ranked No. 2 in Illinois and 30th nationally. No other Illinois school made the list.

In a new competition throughout the 2018-19 academic year, the EPA's Green Power Partnership will track the collegiate athletic conferences with the highest combined green power usage in the nation. In the spring of 2019, the EPA will conclude the [Green Power Challenge](#) and recognize a Champion Green Power Conference, as well as the largest individual green power users within each participating conference.

[Southern Illinois University Edwardsville](#) provides students with a high quality, affordable education that prepares them for successful careers and lives of purpose to shape a changing world. Built on the foundation of a broad-based liberal education, and enhanced by hands-on research and real-world experiences, the academic preparation SIUE students receive equips them to thrive in the global marketplace and make our communities better places to live. Situated on 2,660 acres of beautiful woodland atop the bluffs overlooking the natural beauty of the Mississippi River's rich bottomland and only a short drive from downtown St. Louis, the SIUE campus is home to a diverse student body of more than 13,000.