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TICUA Partners with EPA to “Go Green”

Nashville, TN—The Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association (TICUA) announces a collaboration with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IV, titled “TICUA Go Green!” Thirty TICUA members from across the state of Tennessee are participating in this new initiative that includes peer environmental audits.

“The purpose of TICUA Go Green! is to ensure our campuses continue to preserve and protect the environment,” said Dr. Susanna Baxter, Vice President for Member Services and Grants at TICUA. “Our member institutions take the responsibility of caring for the environment seriously and this unique agreement is yet another example of their commitment to good environmental stewardship.”

Earlier this week, EPA hosted a signing ceremony to launch this collaboration. Representatives from six TICUA member institutions participated in this event in addition to state private college executives from each participating Region IV state.

EPA Region IV includes eight states and six tribes. During Monday’s formal signing ceremony, the following independent college and university associations signed the agreement: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

One hundred one private colleges and universities, 30 of which are in Tennessee [complete list is attached], and three public institutions in Alabama are participating in the peer-audit program facilitated by their state association.

The peer-audit environmental program is a great example of a public-private partnership with the goal of further “greening” the independent college sector in Tennessee. The participating TICUA colleges will take part in educational seminars and training events to gain further knowledge regarding environmental issues and the ways in which campuses can positively contribute to the environment. The TICUA Go Green! project supports teaching and

learning, a primary focus of TICUA members. Through this new project, faculty and staff will serve as a model for their students and communities for appropriate environmental stewardship.

“While the program focuses its efforts at the campus-level,” stated Baxter, “the impact of TICUA Go Green! will reach far beyond the physical campus and into the lives of students, their families and other college constituencies.”

For more information on the TICUA Go Green! project, please visit www.ticua.org/gogreen.

TICUA engages Tennessee's private colleges and universities to work collaboratively in areas of public policy, cost containment, and professional development to better serve the state and its citizens. For more information about TICUA, please visit www.ticua.org.

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ATTACHMENT

TICUA Participating Members in the Agreement with EPA

Aquinas College
Baptist College of Health Sciences
Belmont University
Bethel College
Bryan College
Carson-Newman College
Christian Brothers University
Crichton College
Cumberland University
Fisk University
Free Will Baptist Bible College
Freed-Hardeman University
Hiwassee College
Johnson Bible College
King College
Lambuth University
Lee University
Lincoln Memorial University
Lipscomb University
Maryville College
Memphis College of Art
Milligan College
Rhodes College
Sewanee: The University of the South
Southern Adventist University
Southern College of Optometry
Tennessee Wesleyan College
Trevecca Nazarene University
Tusculum College
Vanderbilt University