

California State University Long Beach receives Best Practice Awards at the Annual California Higher Education Sustainability Conference



CSULB received one of the best practice awards in the “Renewable Energy” category for the new 4.75 mega-watt solar energy project and was installed in the summer of 2017 in parking lots G6-9 and E8. This is the largest installation in the CSU, which has 23 campus locations. The solar installation is capable of providing up to one third of the campus’ peak daily electricity load, thereby reducing the amount of electricity purchased by the utility company. This also huge step forward with reducing the campus’ carbon footprint and meeting its carbon reduction goals by 2050 as mandated by the CSU.

CSULB also received a best practice award in the “Building-Level Energy Efficiency” category for the Walter Pyramid LED Lighting Upgrade Project. The project involved with replacing the Pyramid’s over 25-year-old lighting system with a new LED lighting and control system. This allows for a fully dimmable system with changeable color LEDs for special events and assists with enhancing the experiences of the guests and athletes at the Walter Pyramid. This project saves about \$48,000 per year.



The California Higher Education Sustainability Conference is an annual conference that highlights innovative research, as well as case studies with proven successes in curriculum development, operational programs, and community partners. This year’s the conference is being held at UC Santa Barbara, July 9th through the 12th. <https://chesc.org/>