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GREEN HIGHLIGHTS
Eckerd College’s commitment to the environment is built right into its walls, where large glass windows look out at the lush nature around. The campus itself borders the Gulf of Mexico, allowing students glimpses of abundant Florida wildlife such as dolphins, egrets, pelicans, and even alligators. Eckerd’s Gamma Freeman Environmental Dorm is one living option for green-conscious students. The dorm has its own gardens, efficient lighting, and communal appliances that help reduce both costs and energy usage. The newest dorm, the Iota Residential Complex, was built with sustainability in mind and the school is seeking LEED certification for it. Eckerd also has a “Carbon Offset Fund” for students to help reduce their carbon footprint caused by flying overseas. The fund is used towards eco-friendly projects chosen by students each semester for campus. A few years ago, Eckerd College started the first ever reusable to-go carry away system in the United States. The school provides durable plastic containers that students check out, use, and return instead of the environmentally harmful disposable plastic, paper, and Styrofoam used elsewhere. Eckerd also jumped out—or rather pedaled out—ahead of the green transportation game by launching its Yellow Bike Program in 2004. Since that time, the program and its bright yellow bikers have become widely popular with the faculty, staff and students. The program has also even gained attention in the media for Eckerd. What is more eco-friendly than a campus where even the College president can be seen pedaling around campus?

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GREEN HIGHLIGHTS
Elon University is currently making good on its mission statement to prepare “students to be global citizens and informed leaders motivated by concern for the common good.” Elon has adopted a green building policy in which new buildings, consisting of 8,000 or more square feet, are required to pursue LEED Silver certification. The university boasts multiple LEED Gold buildings; new projects focus on sustainability features including site stewardship; conservation of water, energy, and other resources; and indoor environmental quality. Other campus-wide initiatives include: over $1 million (including grant funding) committed to the “Bio-Bus” biodiesel transportation program; Building Dashboard, a real-time electricity monitoring system that encourages the campus community to track its own energy use; and a print management system that has reduced paper usage by 70 percent. Elon offers an interdisciplinary Environmental Studies major, courses on sustainability-related topics, and a program to assist faculty members with incorporating sustainability principles into their curricula. Student peer educators known as Eco-Reps raise awareness of environmental issues and encourage environmentally responsible behavior of fellow students. Environmental speakers, POWERless, Earth Week, and RecycleMania, are all designed to promote conservationist practices. Notably, the composting initiative has moved beyond the dining halls. The campus grounds have also gotten in on the action with the university collecting and composting its yard waste. In 2011–12, approximately 90 tons of compost were produced from yard waste collected. In the campus dining halls, students go trayless in an effort to reduce water usage and food waste. Dining services has a composting program for pre- and post-consumer food waste and recently started a reusable to-go container program.