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Mrs. Cynthia Hayes
Executive Director
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Mrs. Hayes:

I would like to extend the Environmental Sciences Institute's (ESI) support for SoGreen Network's Green Up Your Campus Summit to be held here at Florida A & M University 18-19 February 2011.

Several members of the student arm of ESI (Environmental Sciences Student Organization) attended the SoGreen Network's *Greening The Southeast Summit* held in Savannah, Georgia in April. In addition, FAMU ESI faculty member Dr. Marcia Owens presented within this summit's session on 1890 Land Grant Institutions/HBCU's. The goal of this summit is to assist in developing a platform for the continuous dialogue necessary for our 1890 Land Grant Institutions and HBCUs to better understand the role they must play in creating partnerships and a common agenda with all members of the southeastern community to address environmental issues such as climate change, alternative fuel sources, sustainable agriculture, and local food access.

Providing instruction, conducting research, engaging in community service and facilitating technological transfer which result in environmental protection are key tenets of ESI's mission. Additionally sustainability has been identified as a core value of FAMU and ESI and therefore it is fitting that we support the goals of SoGreen in their efforts.

We look forward to working with you to ensure Green Up Your Campus 2011 at Florida A&M University is also a successful event.

Sincerely,

Michael Abazinge, Professor/Interim Director
Environmental Sciences Institute
Florida A & M University

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