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Green Building United Celebrates Back to School with Launch of 5th Annual Pathways Program

The Pathways program will kick off with a full day of workshops for green-minded teachers in Delaware

Stanton, DE, September 28, 2018 – [Green Building United](#), a green building education and advocacy nonprofit, will launch the fifth annual Delaware Pathways to Green Schools program (Pathways) to coincide with the start of the new school year. Funded by the [Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility](#), the Pathways program provides grants, one-on-one support and expert resources to K-12 schools in Delaware that are committed to becoming healthier, more sustainable, and more energy efficient.

The program kicks off with a full-day workshop for teachers, featuring speakers from the National Wildlife Federation, Delaware Technical Community College, Practical Energy Solutions, Franklin Energy Services, Clean Air Council, and Plastic Free Delaware.

“Now in its fifth year, this program has allowed us to continue to provide free energy assessments to qualified public and private schools so they can better understand their environmental impact,” said LeAnne Harvey, Programs and Communications Manager for Green Building United. “Through these assessments, we are able to provide schools with strategies for achieving energy savings while educating future generations about the importance of sustainable and green practices.”

Through this program, participating schools work toward achieving certification and national recognition through Eco-Schools USA and the U.S. Department of Education’s Green Ribbon Schools award. Since the start of the Pathways program, eight schools and one school district have won a Green Ribbon Award.

“The Delaware Pathways to Green Schools Program has given our staff and students access to resources by way of high-quality professional development, a network of specialists and an abundance of good ideas,” says Laurie Orsic, Assistant Head of School, Wilmington Montessori School. This year, 22 schools are participating in the program. The team of faculty, administrators and facilities managers representing each school will create a network to connect resources and ideas from across the state. To learn more, please visit: <https://greenbuildingunited.org/initiatives/green-schools>

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About Green Building United

Green Building United, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is committed to promoting sustainable building in Greater Philadelphia, the Lehigh Valley and Delaware. Through education and advocacy, Green Building United aims to create a sustainable, healthy and resilient built environment for all. Green Building United offers its members and partners a wide variety of resources, tools and events to help them stay informed of the latest green building news and trends. For more information, visit www.greenbuildingunited.org and connect with us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

About Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility

The Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility (DESEU) is a unique non-profit organization offering a one-stop resource through its Energize Delaware initiative to help [residents](#) and [businesses](#) save money through

clean energy and efficiency. The DESEU was created in 2007 by the state of Delaware to foster a sustainable energy future for the state. The DESEU model is the first of its kind to be established in the United States, and is being replicated in several other communities around the world.

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