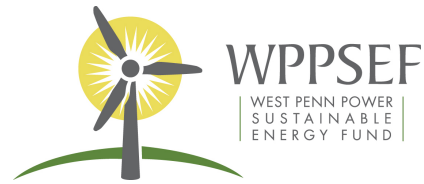




SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE



WEST PENN POWER SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUND AWARDS \$25,000 GRANT TO SAINT VINCENT

LATROBE, PA – West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) has awarded a grant of \$25,000 to Saint Vincent College to support efforts to reduce energy costs while improving the lighting in parts of two prominent public spaces.

The grant will help fund the installation of energy efficient LED lighting in parts of the Latimer Family Library and the Robert S. Carey Student Center Performing Arts Center which will reduce Saint Vincent's energy usage, maintenance and cooling costs. The total project cost is estimated at about \$75,000.

“In keeping with Saint Vincent's commitment to sustainable building practices, this project will retrofit two buildings with energy efficient lighting, generating a significant reduction in energy consumption and providing economic benefits for West Penn Power ratepayers,” commented Br. Norman W. Hipps, O.S.B., president. “Saint Vincent remains deeply grateful for our partnership with West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund. This project will help to further Saint Vincent's goals for a green campus and to expand our efforts to educate students, staff and members of the broader community about the importance of energy conservation and environmental stewardship.”

A grant from WPPSEF in 2010 provided critical funds to support the installation of a solar photovoltaic array for the Sis and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion. These solar panels have been successful in generating electricity, demonstrating the feasibility of solar power and raising awareness of renewable energy sources.

The **West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that invests in the deployment of sustainable energy technologies that benefit West Penn Power ratepayers in Pennsylvania. WPPSEF investments are focused in three broad categories:

- ✓ Deployment of sustainable and clean energy technologies;
- ✓ Deployment of energy efficiency and conservation technologies; and
- ✓ Facilitating economic development, environmental betterment, and public education as they relate to sustainable energy deployment in the WPP service region.

Visit <http://www.wppsef.org> for further information.

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