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A Statement and Commitment from The Office of Sustainability

"The Office of Sustainability at the University of Tennessee stands against the systemic oppression of marginalized people. We are committed to supporting and lifting up the voices of those oppressed here at home as well as around the planet, whether they are Black, Native, Latinx, LGBTQ+, migrants, or American born. There can be no climate justice when the communities most impacted by environmental degradation and climate intensification are not given equitable treatment under the laws and systems that create the problems."

To read our full statement and commitment in it's entirety, please click the "Read More" button below.

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Frieson Black Cultural Center

The Black Cultural Center (BCC) was first established at the University of Tennessee in 1976 in a two story house. Its status on campus came into question, however, in 1980 after the Director, Dennis Littlejohn, was fired from his position. Students coordinated a weekend long sit-in, but

were met with an eviction notice, leading to the arrest of 18 students who were nonviolent, but

refused to leave. The next day, 200 students marched to Andy Holt Tower where they stayed until the BCC was reopened. Since 2002, the BCC has been located at the corner of Melrose Avenue and Melrose Place. It houses an array of programs from an African American Hall of Fame to free peer tutoring programs. In 2015, the BCC was renamed the Ron and Don Frieson Black Cultural Center to recognize the \$1 million donation and commitment to diversity from the Ron and Don Frieson brothers. To learn more about the history of the BBC click the link below.

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Make Orange Green Ambassadors Program

Make Orange Green Ambassadors is a new online certification program offered by the Office of Sustainability that runs from May 18th to June 21st. We are currently on our third of five themed weeks surrounding different sustainability topics and how they apply to both UT's campus and your own personal actions. Those who finish the program will become a certified Make Orange Green Ambassador and will come away with a better understanding of sustainability and how it applies to all aspects of campus life.

[Make Orange Green Ambassadors](#)



Green Heroes

This section of the newsletter is dedicated to delving deeper into the stories of real life heroes who are making huge strides in solving environmental issues. This month's edition will elaborate on Kari Fulton and her work advocating at the intersection of environmental and social issues.



Kari Fulton was noted as a young leader in Elle and Glamour magazine and awarded both the Brower Youth Award and the Damu Smith Power of One Young Professional Award in her early climate activism years. Her work hasn't stopped since, and she is currently the National Campaign Coordinator for the Environmental Justice and Climate Change Initiative in the United States.

This initiative works to support and mobilize diverse youth and organizations by building awareness of the connection between environmental and social justice issues. Fulton is also a spokesperson for the Energy Action Coalition which works with youth to advocate for a clean energy future that is just and resilient. To keep up with Kari Fulton, you can find her on Instagram @checktheweather.

Click the "Read More" button below for an article about 10 more women of color who are working towards a more just and sustainable world.

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Sustainability Job Openings

Below is a list of sustainability related jobs across the US.

[Campus Sustainability Manager](#) at Omega Institute

[EH&S Environmental Specialist](#) at Carrier

[Environmental Coordinator](#) at Colas USA

[Sustainability Manager](#) for the City of Boca Raton

[Sustainability Science Researcher](#) at Amazon



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