

CASE STUDY

NAZARETH COLLEGE



“Nazareth College and Sodexo have worked together to find new ways to bring sustainable practices to our campus.”

— Daan Braveman, President, Nazareth College

Client's Perspective

Nazareth College is a coeducational, independent college on a suburban campus just outside Rochester, N.Y. The College challenges students to rise to their potential with a liberal arts and sciences foundation, professional programs, experiential learning, and an innovative curriculum that addresses the current and emerging needs of the world — ranging from economics to physical therapy to environmental science. Over 3,200 students study at Nazareth College enjoying 150 acres of scenic campus.

Challenge

Nazareth's commitment to sustainability and emphasis on sustainability practices made Sodexo an exemplary strategic energy partner to ensure quality of daily life for their students, faculty and campus employees.

Solution

Sodexo has enjoyed a more than 20 year partnership with Nazareth College. One of the most innovative ways Sodexo delivered sustainable practices to Nazareth College was to recycle the fryer oil from their dining halls

and convert it to biodiesel fuel to power a fleet of the college vehicles, from facilities trucks to lawnmowers. The emphasis on sustainability has not only affected how campus facilities are being built and maintained; it's become part of Nazareth's curriculum. Students who take a course in sustainability learn from Sodexo's Subject Matter Experts who teach in the classroom at Nazareth.

Outcome

- Recycling fryer oil to biodiesel fuel was a major cost effective solution in that petroleum-based diesel fuel is about four times more expensive per gallon.
- Sodexo is instrumental in efforts leading to Nazareth's first LEED green building which will be completed in the Fall of 2012.
- Sodexo introduced energy-saving lighting, watersaving toilets, and electric vehicles that saved Nazareth College thousands of dollars.