

AASHE Releases the 2018 Sustainable Campus Index

Latest publication recognizes most sustainable institutions overall and in 17 sustainability impact areas.

PHILADELPHIA, PA, USA, August 24, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Sustainable Campus Index (<http://bit.ly/2wbHhZh>), a publication by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), recognizes top-performing colleges and universities overall and in 17 sustainability impact areas, as measured by the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS). The report also highlights innovative and high-impact initiatives from institutions that submitted STARS reports in the most recent calendar year.

Institutions that achieved the top spot overall according to institution type include:

- Associate Colleges - Nova Scotia Community College
- Baccalaureate Institutions - Dickinson College
- Master's Institutions - Green Mountain College
- Doctoral Institutions - University of California, Irvine

Institutions that achieved the top spot in each sustainability topic area are listed below. The full list of top performers are provided in the report.

- Curriculum - Green Mountain College
- Research (tie) - University of California, Irvine & University of California, San Diego
- Campus Engagement - Berea College
- Public Engagement - Colorado State University
- Air & Climate (tie) Green Mountain College & Université Laval
- Buildings - University of California, Irvine
- Energy - American University
- Food & Dining - Sterling College
- Grounds - Cascadia College
- Purchasing - Macalester College
- Transportation - Columbia University
- Waste - New Mexico State University
- Water - Princeton University
- Coordination & Planning - University of Alberta
- Diversity & Affordability - Stanford University
- Investment & Finance - Green Mountain College
- Wellbeing & Work - Saint Mary's College of California



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“The institutions featured in this year’s Sustainable Campus Index are making meaningful contributions to sustainability on their campuses and surrounding communities,” said AASHE’s Executive Director, Meghan Fay Zahniser. “They illustrate the leadership role higher education can play in contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.”

STARS is a transparent, self-reporting framework developed by AASHE for colleges and universities to measure their sustainability performance. With over 900 participating institutions, STARS is the leading tool for measuring higher education sustainability performance. 164 reports were submitted in the most recent calendar year, resulting in a 27 percent increase over the previous year and a fifth consecutive year of growth. All reports are publicly accessible on the STARS website.

About the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
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