



DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Ms. Meghan Fay Zahniser  
Executive Director, AASHE  
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102  
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Dear Ms. Zahniser,

At Duquesne University, we provide our students, faculty and staff with an excellent education; an opportunity to engage with the local and global community; and a healthy environment in which to study, live and work. The young people we educate bring with them energy, enthusiasm and great hope for the future. With their future – and the future of our planet – in mind, we have integrated sustainability into every facet of our campus community.

Nowhere is our commitment to sustainability more evident than in our Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Science, which houses numerous sustainability courses and programs such as the undergraduate Environmental Science program, the graduate Environmental Science and Management programs, the Environmental Science Professional Certificate program and the Environmental Management Professional Certificate program.

We are also quite proud of our MBA in Sustainable Business Practices program offered through our Palumbo-Donahue School of Business. Through this program, students develop strategies that guide the financial, social, and environmental impact of an organization.

As an anchor institution in Pittsburgh's Uptown Ecolnnovation District, Duquesne University is determined to help our greater community thrive and grow. We are committed to the Pittsburgh 2030 District, aiming for 50 percent reductions in energy use, water use and transportation emission by the year 2030. Our Facilities Management Services continues to install energy and water-efficient infrastructure throughout our urban campus, as well as produce energy on campus through a co-generation plant and purchase only renewable energy.

Within the context of higher education, it is our responsibility to respond, to act and to lead, as we set a course for the next generation of leaders. They will guide the future of this planet where we make our common home.

Thank you for considering our submission.

Warm regards,

Kenneth G. Gormley  
President, Duquesne University