

# MACALESTER COLLEGE



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Ms. Meghan Fay Zahniser  
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Dear Ms. Zahniser:

I'm pleased to submit our STARS submission and confirm that it reflects our efforts to provide leadership and encourage a sustainable future at Macalester College, as well as in the greater community.

Macalester College has a long-standing tradition of advancing sustainability through our teaching, programming, and student activities. We are a signatory of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment and of the Talloires Declaration. Our environmental studies and facilities services departments continue to work on sustainability-related projects and programs. In doing so, our students have provided creative and interesting guidance to our efforts. We have fully implemented campus-wide composting in the past two years and are continuing to work toward our goal of being zero-waste by 2020.

Our strategic plan, "Thrive," is a living document that contains eleven strategic priorities and numerous activities to advance our mission in the next ten years. One of the priorities reads as follows:

*Emphasize our urban location, and our historical commitments to sustainability, by focusing on the global city as a means to explore the intersections among such topics as the environment, science, technology, economics, and social justice.*

We are committed to working relentlessly on this and the other priorities now and in the future. Because of campus-wide efforts by our community, I believe we are incorporating sustainability into the core culture of Macalester.

Thank you for developing this comprehensive tool that helps us benchmark our sustainability efforts with other institutions. We are proud to be among the STARS charter participants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Rosenberg".

Brian Rosenberg  
President