

To: Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education and
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Subject: AASHE STARS Letter of Support

Vanderbilt University is thrilled to participate in the Princeton Review Green Colleges ranking through the AASHE STARS reporting tool. On Earth Day 2019, Vanderbilt University unveiled a comprehensive long-term strategy to significantly reduce its environmental footprint. OUR GOAL: Vanderbilt will power its campus entirely through renewable energy and commits to carbon neutrality by 2050. The university plans to meet its 2050 commitment by: investing in on-site clean energy; investing in off-site large-scale renewable energy; increasing green spaces across campus such as more pedestrian-friendly walkways and parks; reducing energy consumption and waste; decreasing the university's carbon footprint from transportation and commuting; and investing in sustainable infrastructure.

To support this overarching goal, Vanderbilt has also committed to achieving Zero Waste by 2030 as well as entering into a pioneering agreement with the Tennessee Valley Authority and Nashville Electric Service to procure off-site large-scale renewable energy to help mitigate the campus' greenhouse gas emissions.

The attached report details these efforts and many more related to improving sustainability at Vanderbilt and our progress over the years. The report has been thoroughly reviewed for accuracy.

Thank you,



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